Conditionals

Conditional 0

We use it to express general thrust, scientific facts, etc.

If clause	Main clause
If autumn starts,	Bird emigrate to warmer places.
If + present simple	*Present simple*

Conditional 1

We use it to express possibilities in the present, or future.

If clause	Main clause
If a bird flies in a rainy day,	It will be in danger.
If + present simple	*Future simple*

Conditional 2

We use it to express unreal situations in the present, or future.

If clause	Main clause
If birds went straight,	their trips would be thousands of miles long.
If + past simple	*Would, could, might*

Conditional 3

We use it to express unreal situations in the past.

If clause	Main clause
if the birds had not emigrated last year,	there would have been fewer birds this year.
If + past perfect	*Would, could, might + past participle*

If the " if "clause comes first, a comma is usually used. If the "if" clause comes second, there is no need for a comma.