

# Life Science Stories

## Birds

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Birds are a kind of animal. Birds can be found all over the world. Sparrows, doves, cardinals, owls, eagles, hawks, chickens, and hummingbirds are some common birds.



Birds are vertebrates, so they have backbones. They are the only kind of animal with feathers. Birds lay eggs. Usually they have a nest for the eggs. Birds have two feet and special arms. They don't have hands or fingers. They have flippers or wings.



Most birds can fly. Birds have feathers, wings, and very light bones to help them fly. They can't be too heavy! Only a few birds, like ostriches or penguins, can't fly.

