

# BIRDS



What makes a bird a bird?

Birds have these **characteristics** in common:

They are the only animal group with feathers. They also have wings and hollow bones. Can you guess what these **characteristics** help birds do? Yes! They help them fly. Penguins, Kiwi, and Ostriches (the biggest birds) are exceptions and do not fly.

Birds lay eggs and are **warm blooded**. They are also **vertebrates**. They have two legs. They also have beaks. There are about 7,000 bird **species**.

Many birds **migrate**, which means they move from one place to another based on the seasons. Some carry messages, and some even help people hunt.



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