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seagull
flying



deer walking



dolphins swimming

Introduction

Animals move in many ways.

Animals have different body parts
to help them move.



two legs



four legs



six legs



eight legs

On Land

Most animals that live
on land have legs.

Animals can have different
numbers of legs.

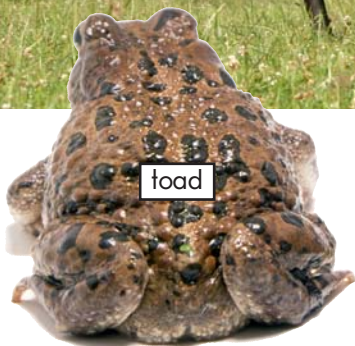


many legs!

horse



toad



frog



Frogs have longer
back legs than toads.



Horses have long legs to run fast.

Frogs have long back legs to **leap**.



These animals can move without legs.



Some animals have no legs.
These animals slide their bodies
to move.

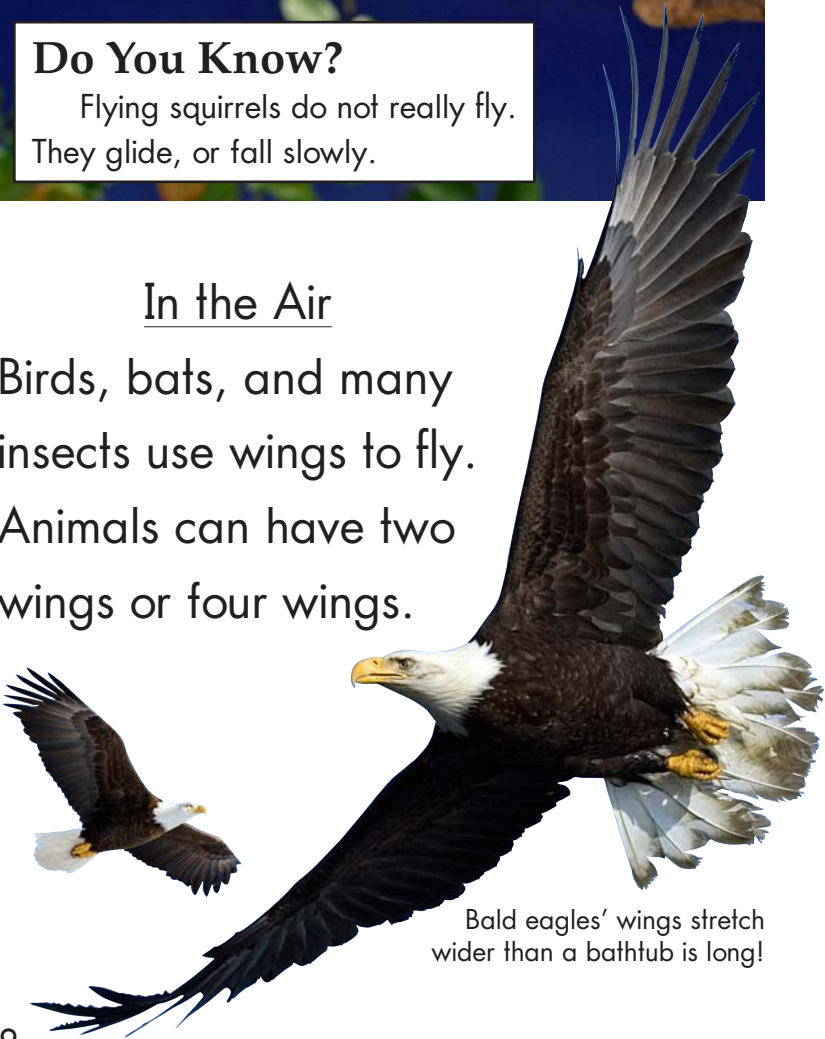


Do You Know?

Flying squirrels do not really fly.
They glide, or fall slowly.

In the Air

Birds, bats, and many
insects use wings to fly.
Animals can have two
wings or four wings.

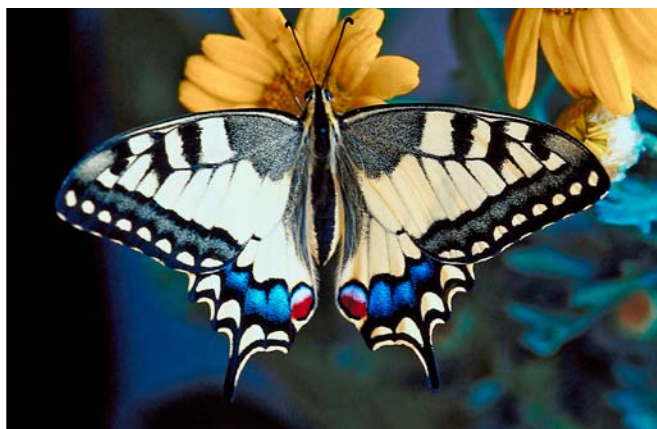


Bald eagles' wings stretch
wider than a bathtub is long!

This chick is too young to fly.



Chicks can't fly until they grow strong feathers.



This butterfly has wings with colorful spots.

These bees have wings you can see through.



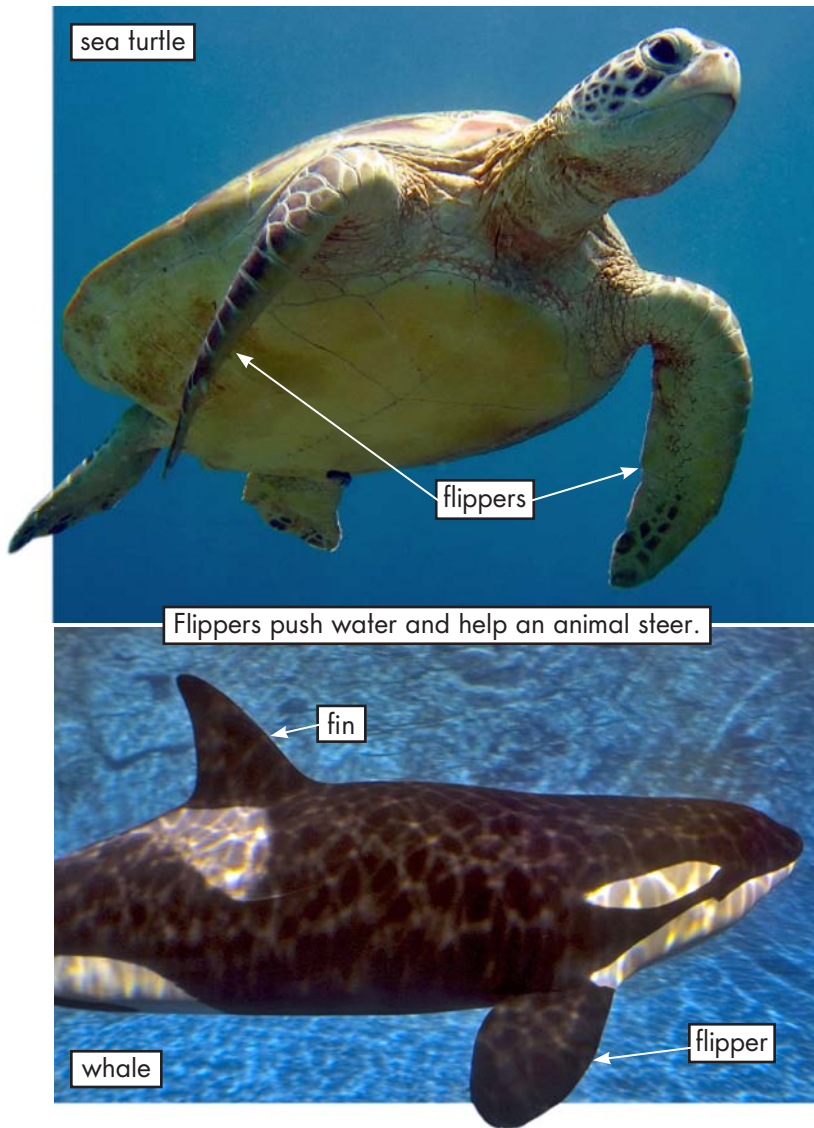
Bat wings have a special shape.

Animal wings come in many shapes and sizes.



In Water

Fish use fins and tails to move through the water.



Whales have fins and flippers.
But seals, sea lions, and sea turtles
only have flippers.



Penguins walk slowly on land.



Penguins cannot fly, but they can swim very well.

Penguins are birds, but they have flippers instead of wings. Penguins swim to hunt fish in the ocean. On land, they can walk, or they can slide on their bellies.

bird feet that are webbed



bird feet that are not webbed



Some animals that live in water have **webbed** feet.

Webbed feet help animals swim better.



Conclusion

Watch how animals move
in the world around you.

Think about the body parts
that help animals move.

Think about how you move, too!

Glossary

- chicks** (*n.*) baby birds (p. 9)
- leap** (*v.*) to jump a long distance (p. 6)
- webbed** (*adj.*) having thin skin that connects the toes (p. 14)

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Do You Know?

Many land animals can climb trees. Monkeys are great climbers. But other land animals are not good climbers. Can you imagine an elephant in a tree?



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