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Animal Group - Birds



Birds are warm-blooded **vertebrates** which means they have a backbone. They have feathers, wings and a beak. Birds use their feathers for flying and to stay warm or cool. They have hollow bones filled with air and strong muscles for flying.

Most birds can fly but not all of them. Ostriches, emus and penguins cannot fly. Not all animals that fly are birds. Bats and flying insects can fly but they are not birds.

Birds lay eggs which hatch after some time. They build nests to lay their eggs in trees, on cliffs or on the ground. Ostriches lay the largest eggs.

There are many different types of birds. Some are very small like the bee hummingbird and others are very large like the ostrich. Most birds eat insects (insectivores) but some eat meat (carnivores), like the eagle and the owl. Toucans eat fruit, they are called fructivores.

Questions:

1. Write down **three** things that birds have which humans do not.

2. Name **two** birds that cannot fly.

3. Which bird lays the largest eggs?

- a. Penguin b. Ostrich

4. What do we call a group of animals that only eat insects?

- a. insectivores b. carnivores

5. Name **two** birds that eat meat.
