Features of Birds



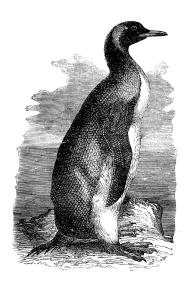
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BIRDS

- Have feathers and wings.
- Have a beak, no teeth.
- Lay hard-shelled eggs.
- Are endothermic (warm-blooded)

FLIGHTLESS BIRDS

About 60 species of birds are flightless. Examples: emu, ostrich, cassowary, kiwi, tinamou, penguin.



FLIGHT-ABLED BIRDS

includes: All other birds











What features do these birds have in common?

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Did you know?

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Birds that spend time perching in trees will hop from branch to branch as it is the fastest way for them to move about. When these birds are on the ground they will hop rather than walk.









Can you describe some features of birds that live near water?

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Did you know?

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Long legs allow water birds to wade through deep water. Long necks and long beaks allow them the reach into the waterway to find food. This spoonbill uses the flattened end of its bill to sift through the mud and scoop up small creatures to eat.









Can you describe some features of birds of prey?

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Did you know?

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Birds of prey, such as this hawk, have excellent eyesight. They can easily spot prey below them when they are soaring at great heights. They have strong talons to grip tightly to their prey and very sharp beaks to tear through flesh.