

## **Birds**

All birds have a beak, two legs, feathers and wings. Birds live on land and in water. They lay eggs. Birds are warm blooded.

### **Where do birds live?**

Birds live in all habitats around the world and are present in all seven continents. A lot of birds never leave their living places, while others migrate to warmer countries when the weather changes.

### **What do birds eat?**

What birds eat depends on where they live and what is available. Penguins eat fish. Ostriches are mostly vegetarian. They mainly eat roots, leaves, seeds and flowers. Eagles will eat mice. Garden birds eat worms and small insects.

### **Examples of birds**

There are many different types of birds that you might see in your garden. Here are a few of them: robin, jackdaws, blue tit, black bird and heron.



## **Chickens**

The chicken is the most common bird found in the world. A hen is a female chicken and a rooster is a male chicken. Most chickens live on farms or in backyards.



## **Penguins**

The emperor penguin is the largest penguin in the world. Penguins are birds but they cannot fly. They have wings to help them swim. They live in Antarctica.



## **Ostriches**



The ostrich is the tallest and heaviest bird. Although ostriches have wings they cannot fly. They have long, powerful legs and can run at speeds of over 40 miles per hour. They live in the savannahs and deserts in Africa.

## Interesting facts

- Penguins can swim underwater for up to 22 minutes.
- One ostrich egg is about the size of 24 chicken eggs.
- Birds have hollow bones which help them to fly.
- Hummingbirds fly backwards.
- There are around 10000 different species of birds worldwide.
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