



# BIRDS



## INTRODUCTION

Birds are a group of warm-blooded vertebrates. Birds originated 60 million years ago from a primitive bird in Germany (Archaeopteryx) which does not exist anymore. Birds get hunted if those people have a licence but it is illegal to eat them.

## WHAT DO BIRDS EAT?

Birds can actually eat lots of things depending on what type of bird they are and what time of year it is. Some birds eat seeds, berries, fruits and insects while other birds eat eggs, small mammals, fish, buds, larvae, aquatic invertebrates, acorn and some nuts. They also eat aquatic vegetation, grain, dead animals, garbage and much more...

## WHAT TYPES OF BIRDS ARE THERE?

There are about 18,000 species around the world of birds. Some types of bird are dove, owl, peacock, eagle, ducks and hawk-like birds.

## HOW TO TAKE CARE OF A BIRD?



To take care of a bird you need loads of things: proper diet, cage, perch, water and food bowls (which sometimes come with the bird's cage) cage liners, a hiding place, toys and first aid. You need to clean a bird's cage once a week with a non-toxic disinfectant soap with fresh hot water. You have to let it sit for 15 minutes. If you don't clean a bird's cage it could lead to some serious health problems. When it is night time and it is not dark yet then you need to make sure to put a blanket or something similar to cover the cage. In the morning, you have to take the blanket off the cage.

## HOW TO KNOW WHAT EMOTIONS IS YOUR BIRD FEELING?

If your bird is happy then they would start singing, talking, whistling, chattering and also a soft growl. If your bird is sad then they would have fluffed-up feathers, loss of appetite, change in droppings, irritability, feather-plucking, aggression, change in vocalization and constant head bobbing. If your bird is scared they would start changing their body language, holding their feathers close to their body, huddling in a corner and would rock from side to side. If your bird is angry then they would start spending time alone, be tense, sit relatively still, tears around the cage, destroying things and destroying their feathers.

## Did you know?

- Birds have toothless beaked jaws
- Ostrich is the largest bird in the world
- Peregrine falcon is the fastest bird in the world
- Albatrosses can fly for 4 years
- Birds can fly 15 to 600 miles or more per day
- Birds die in a nest or get caught and eaten



FIND OUT MORE...

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bird>

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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. How many years can Albatrosses fly for?
2. How many species of birds are around the world?
3. Which bird is the largest bird in the world?
4. What emotion does a bird feel when it is destroying things?
5. How many times a week do you have to clean a bird's cage?