

Birds

Birds are fascinating creatures that fill our sky with color and songs. They belong to a group of animals called *Aves*. Birds are warm-blooded and have feathers, wings, and beaks. They can be found all over the world, from the cold Arctic to the hot tropical forests.

What Makes a Bird a Bird?

There are some special features that all birds share:

- **Feathers:** Birds are the only animals with feathers. Feathers keep them warm and help them fly.
- **Beaks:** Birds have beaks instead of teeth. Different shapes of beaks help birds eat different kinds of food.
- **Wings:** Most birds can fly using their strong wings, but some birds like ostriches cannot fly.
- **Laying Eggs:** Birds lay eggs. Baby birds hatch from these hard-shelled eggs.
- **Warm-blooded:** Birds keep their bodies warm, no matter if it is hot or cold outside.

Types of Birds

There are thousands of types of birds. Some common birds we see are:

- **Sparrows:** Small birds often found in cities and gardens.
- **Peacocks:** Famous for their colorful and beautiful tail feathers.
- **Eagles:** Large birds of prey that can fly very high and have sharp eyes.
- **Ducks:** Water birds that can swim well.

“A bird does not sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song.”

– Maya Angelou

How Do Birds Help the Environment?

Birds are very important to nature. Here is how they help:

- **Pollination:** Some birds help flowers grow by carrying pollen.
 - **Seed Dispersal:** Birds eat fruits and spread seeds to new places by dropping them.
 - **Controlling pests:** Many birds eat insects that harm crops.
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Activity Time!

Try this fun exercise:

1. Go outside and listen to the different birds singing.
2. Write down the names of any birds you spot or hear.
3. Draw a picture of your favorite bird and color it bright!

Wasn't that fun? Keep exploring the green world!

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