



# BIRDS



Almost everywhere we look, we can see birds. In the sky, on the ground or in the water, there are birds in almost every habitat.

All birds have feathers and birds are the only animals that do! Feathers do many jobs for birds. Soft down keeps them warm, wing feathers allow flight and tail feathers are used for steering. The color of the feathers can be used to hide (for camouflage) or they can be bright to attract a mate.

Most birds fly but penguins, ostriches, and emus are three birds that cannot fly.

All birds are warm-blooded and lay eggs usually in a nest and are cared for by the parents. They communicate through songs and flapping their wings.



1. All birds have \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ feathers are used for steering.
3. Two birds that cannot fly are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Birds lay \_\_\_\_\_.
5. How do birds communicate? \_\_\_\_\_