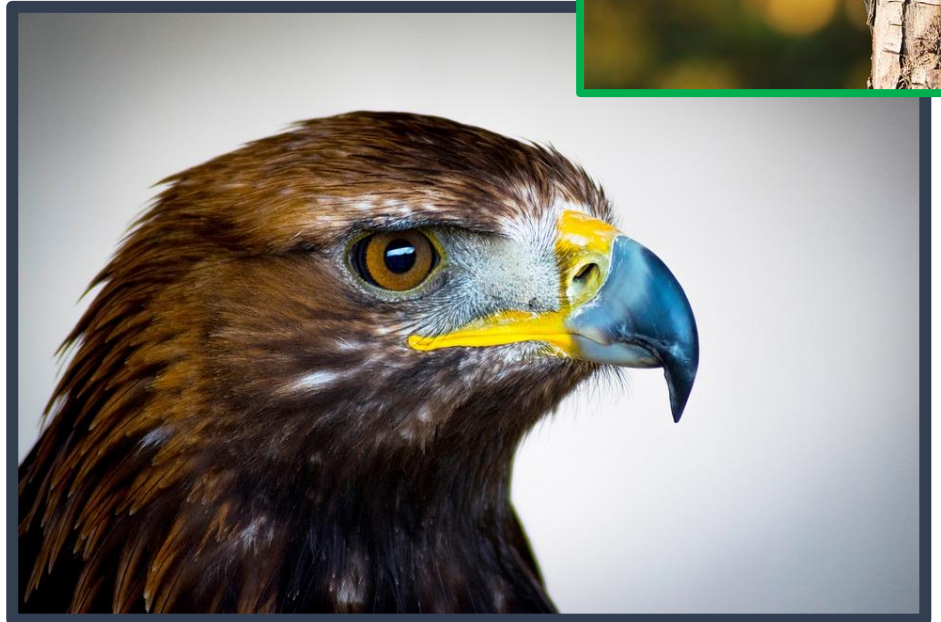
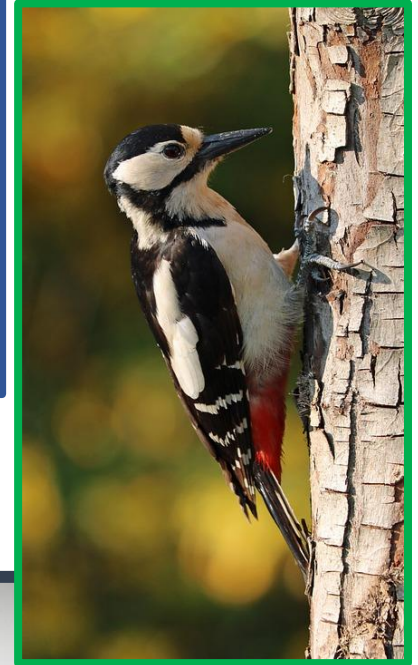


Basic Characteristics of Birds



There are some basic characteristics of birds.

- Feathers
- Wings
- Lightweight Skeleton
- Beaks or Bills
- Lay eggs



Feathers are important for flight, warmth, and protection. They are made of keratin.



Wings can be used to assist in flight, quick movements, and swimming.



Most birds have lightweight skeletons with hollow bones.



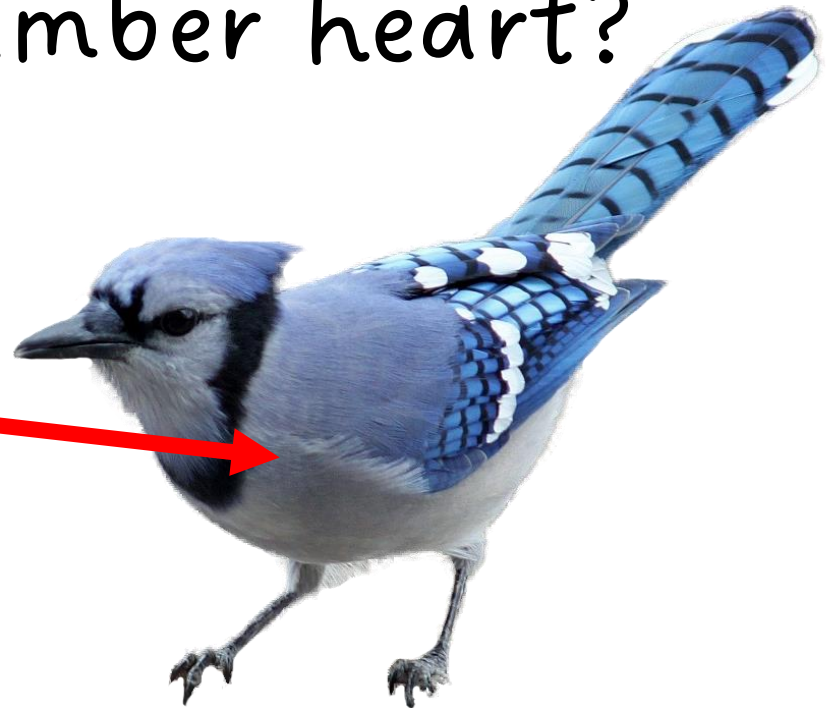
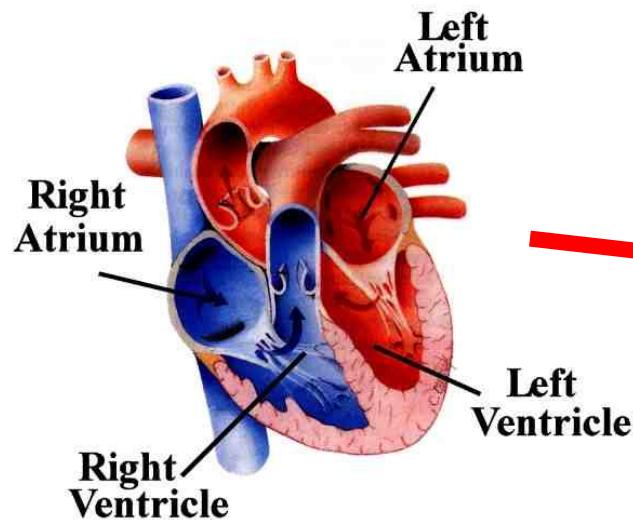
Beaks, or bills, are made up of bone with a thin layer of keratin. Beak shape identifies a bird's diet.



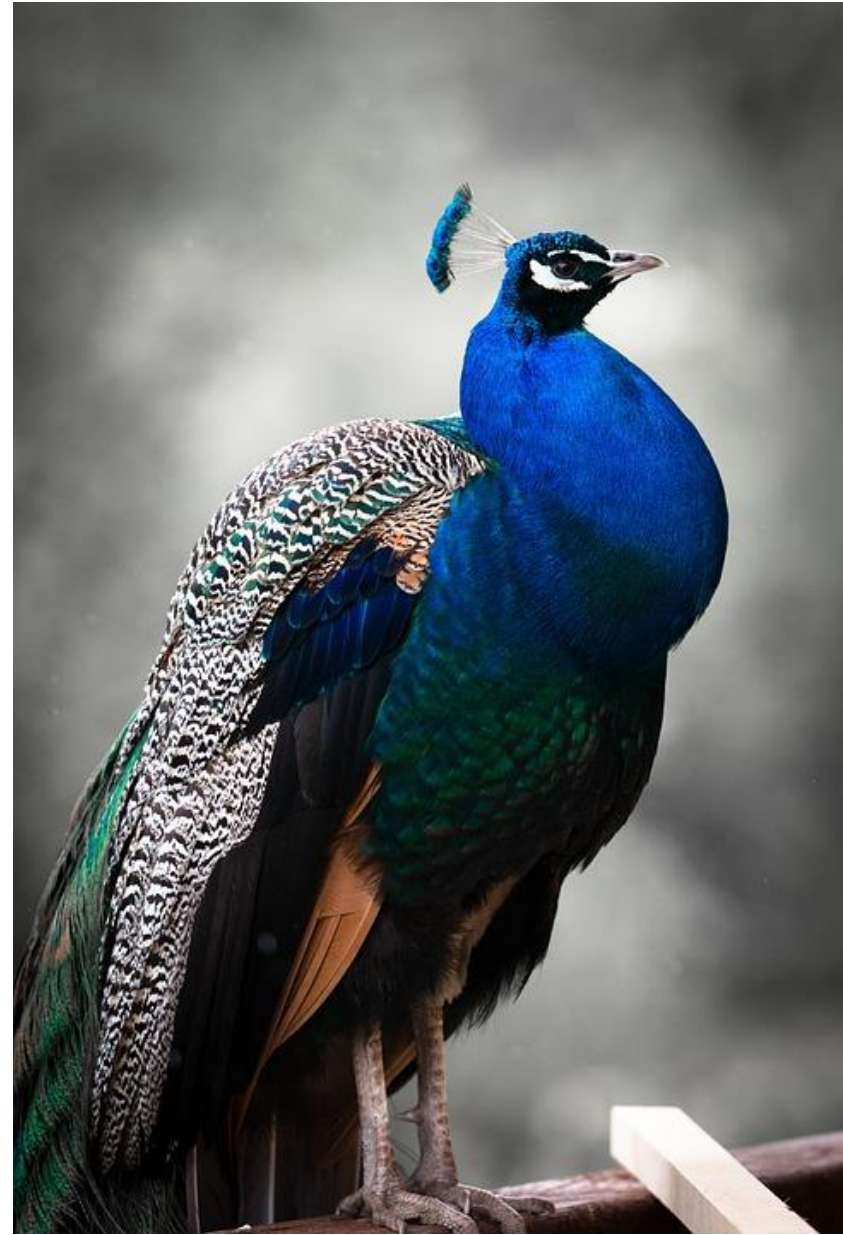
Birds lay eggs. Chicks hatch from eggs. The hard outer shell is made up mostly of calcium.



All birds have similar characteristics. Some are not as commonly known as others. For example, did you know that birds have a four-chamber heart?



They are also warm-blooded. This means that their body will stay at a regulated temperature despite the temperature outside.



Did you know that they are also vertebrates? A vertebrate is an animal with a backbone!



Lastly, did you know that not all birds can fly? True. The penguin and emu can not fly.





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