

# Eagle Eyes

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? Like mammals, birds are warm-blooded, but they differ in many ways. Birds have feathers instead of fur and lay eggs instead of giving birth to fully formed offspring.

? Birds are popular pets, with more than 16 million Americans owning at least one. Parakeets, which include about 115 species, are usually the most popular.

? "Raptor" is the term used for birds of prey such as eagles, hawks, falcons, condors, vultures, and owls. Raptors have strong talons and beaks and excellent vision, which is where the term "eagle eyes" comes from.

? Albatrosses are adapted to glide more than fly. Because of this, most albatross species aren't found in the equatorial regions where there's a lack of wind.

? The famous cartoon character, the Roadrunner, looks more like an ostrich than a true roadrunner. Roadrunners typically measure only about two feet from head to tail.

? Penguins are perhaps the best-known flightless birds, but there are 60 species of birds that don't fly. The largest groups are the ratite, which includes ostriches, emus, and kiwis.

? Poultry refers to domestic birds kept for their meat and eggs. According to the USDA, poultry is the second most-consumed meat in the world at 33%.

? A crew of crows is a "murder," a group of owls is a "parliament," a bunch of doves is a "duke," a gathering of peacocks is an "ostentation."

? The smallest bird in the world is the bee hummingbird at less than an ounce and 2.2 inches long. The largest bird is the ostrich, weighing as much as 340 pounds and sometimes more than nine feet in height.

? The passenger pigeon was hunted to extinction in North America. The last passenger pigeon was a female named Martha, which died

September 1, 1914, at the Cincinnati Zoo.

? The ancient Greeks associated owls with wisdom and bravery. The owl was one of the goddess Athena's symbols.

? In the 1963 horror film, *The Birds*, the residents of a small northern California town are suddenly attacked by different species of birds. A combination of real and mechanical birds was used.

? Storks are the quietest of birds. The syrinxes (the vocal organ of birds) of storks are "variable degenerate," leaving them with the ability to make only minimal vocal sounds.

? In terms of evolution, birds are directly descended from theropod dinosaurs. Modern birds' closest living ancestors are members of the crocodylian order.

? The phoenix was a mythological bird that was associated with the Sun-God in Heliopolis, Egypt. The myths vary, but most held that the phoenix would die and be reborn from its ashes.

? The archaeopteryx is a genus of birds, or bird-like dinosaurs, that lived about 150 million years ago. Some scientists believe they represent the first true birds.

? Flamingos are known for their distinct pink color and the warm climates they inhabit. But flamingos are also known for their unique courtship rituals and usually mating for life.

? *Corvus*, better known as crows, are often ranked among the most intelligent animals. Crows communicate with each other, can make tools, and can recognize individual human faces.

? The Andean condor is the largest flying bird in the world, with wingspans as wide as 10 feet and weighing more than 30 pounds.

? The Fenghuang was a mythical Chinese bird that had some similarities to the Egyptian Phoenix. The Fenghuang, though, is more of a symbol of stability and the idea of yin and yang.

? In the summer of 1961, the town of Capitola, California was attacked by a flock of sooty shearwater birds. Although no human fatalities were recorded, it served as partial inspiration for the 1963 film, *The Birds*.

? Sexual dimorphism is common in birds. In many species, such as the pheasant, males are larger and more colorful, although female raptors tend to be larger than males.