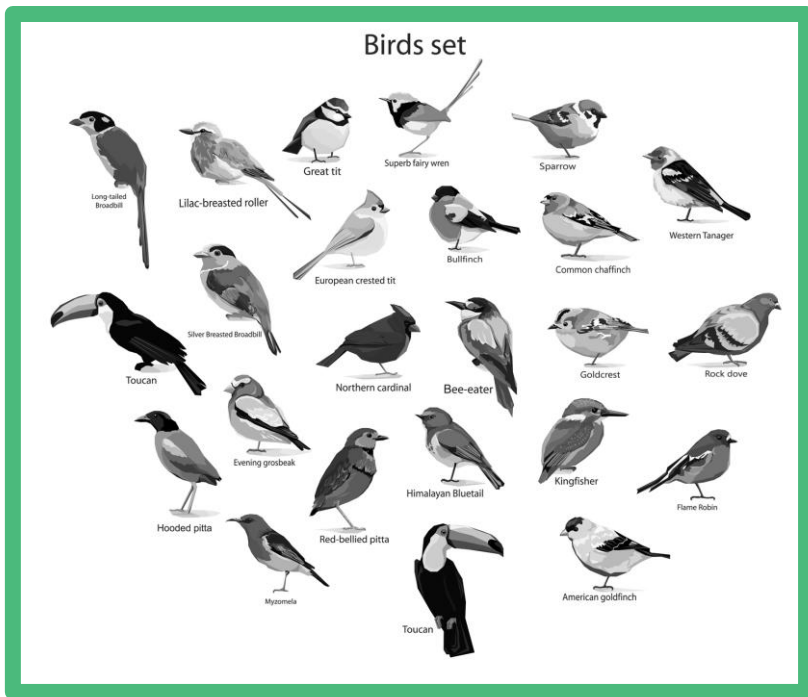




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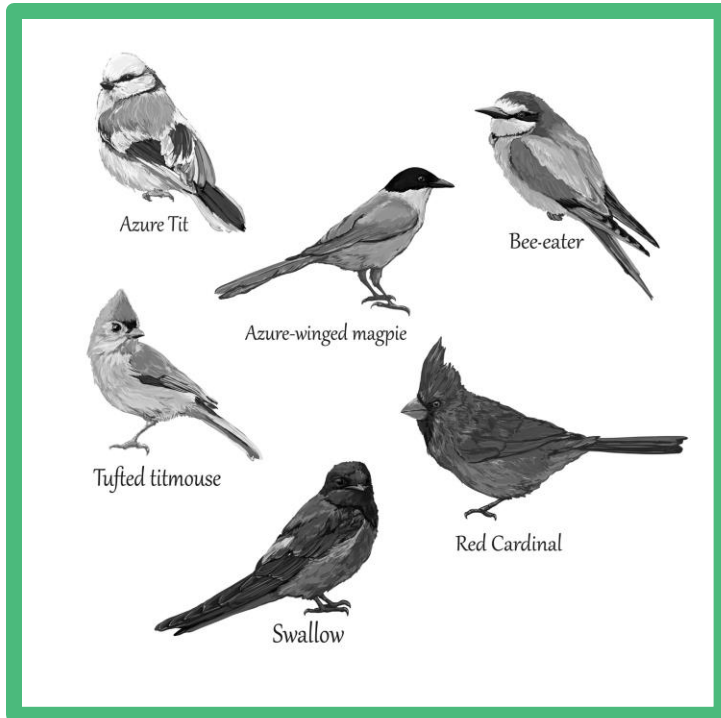
Characteristics of Birds



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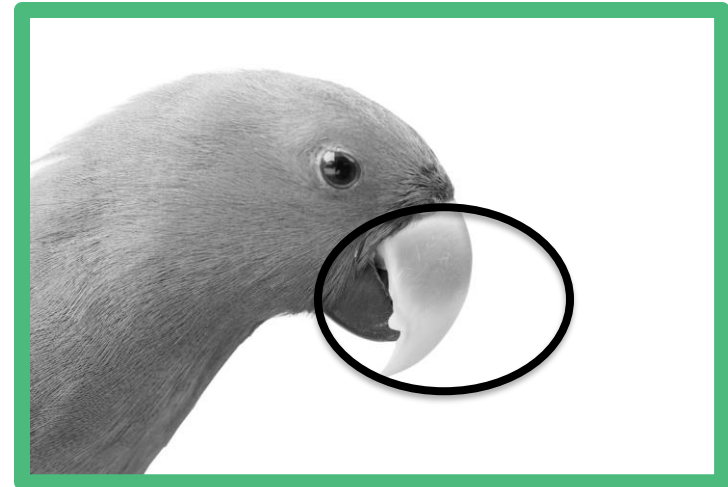
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Birds have 5 characteristics. Characteristics are what ALL birds have. What do you think all birds have?



Characteristic #1: All birds have feathers. Some feathers are big. Some are small. There are different colors of feathers. Have you ever found a feather?



Characteristic #2: All birds have **wings**. Most birds fly with their wings. Have you seen birds fly? Where do you think they go?

Characteristic #3: All birds have **beaks**. Some beaks are big. Some are small. Birds use their beaks for many things. What do birds do with their beaks?



Characteristic #4: All birds lay eggs. Some eggs are big. Some are small. The eggs can be different colors. Do you eat chicken eggs?



Birds are male and female. A male is a boy. A female is a girl. The male birds are more colorful. They protect the nest. Are you male or female?



Birds build nests. There are many types of nests. The female bird lays eggs in a **nest**.



Baby birds grow in the eggs. They **hatch** from eggs. The nest is their home.



Characteristic #5: A bird has a skeleton. All birds are vertebrates. That means that they have bones. Do you have bones?



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