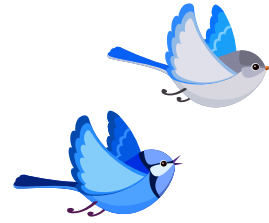


Fun Facts and Resources for Feathers, Flight, & Song

FLIGHT



- Birds are one of **three groups of animals that fly**. The other two are insects and bats.
- Of these three groups, **birds are the most impressive flyers** due to the **speeds** they can attain and the **distances** they can travel.
- Aside from straight-forward flying, some birds can **hover and fly backwards**.
- Many bird species have the endurance to fly for several days and for long distances. This is called **migration**.
- There are two main types of flight that birds perform: **soaring/gliding** flight and **flapping** flight.
- **Gliding** flight is the simplest form of flying and simply requires a bird to hold its wings outstretched.
- Birds can **soar** by finding hot, rising pockets of air and use the currents to stay aloft, and fly higher.
- The **flapping** of wings in birds is a complex action that is controlled by around 50 different muscles. Each wing can beat independently which allows birds to steer and maneuver.

For more information about **flying** check out this website and watch some videos of birds in flight.

<https://basicbiology.net/animal/birds/flying>