

What Is a Bird?

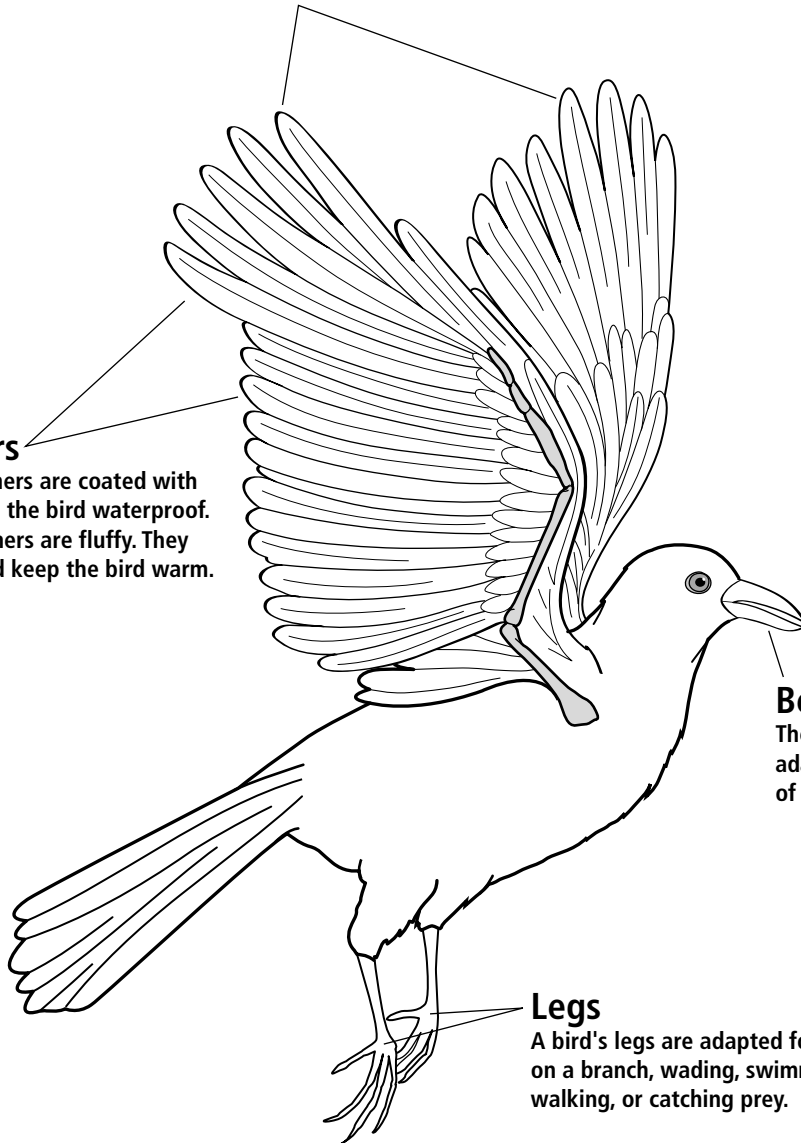


Wings

The wings are attached to powerful muscles. The wings lift the bird into the air. Some birds use their wings like flippers to swim in water.

Feathers

Flight feathers are coated with oil to make the bird waterproof. Down feathers are fluffy. They trap air and keep the bird warm.



Beak

The shape of a bird's beak is adapted for eating certain kinds of foods. Birds do not have teeth.

Legs

A bird's legs are adapted for perching on a branch, wading, swimming, walking, or catching prey.