

Content for a Unit Study about Birds

- Birds are warm-blooded. They make their own body heat.
 - *What Makes a Bird a Bird?* by May Garelick
- Birds are vertebrates. They have skeletons inside their bodies.
 - *Why Am I a Bird? (Classifying Animals)* by Greg Pyers
 - *What is a Bird?* by Robert Snedden
- All birds have feathers.
 - *Why Do Owls and Other Birds Have Feathers? (Animal Body Coverings)* by Holly Beaumont
- Not all birds fly.
 - *Ostrich (A Day in the Life: Grassland Animals)* by Louise Spilsbury
 - *Flight School* by Lita Judge
- There are different kinds of feathers.
 - *Feathers: Not Just for Flying* by Melissa Stewart
- Flight feathers help birds fly.
 - *How Do Birds Fly? (Tell Me Why, Tell Me How)* by Melissa Stewart
 - *How and Why Do Birds Fly* (a Baby Professor book)
 - *Birds: Nature's Magnificent Flying Machines* by Caroline Arnold
- Downy feathers keep birds warm.
 - *Birds of a Feather* by Bernadette Gervais
- Some feathers are for decoration.
 - *Colorful Peacocks* by Deborah Underwood

- Male birds and female birds often look different. Male birds often have brighter colors.
 - *The Young Birder's Guide to Birds of North America* (Peterson Field Guides) by Bill Thompson III
 - Match a Pair of Birds: A Memory Game
- Birds don't have teeth. They have beaks.
 - *Beaks!* by Sneed B. Collard III and Robin Brickman
- Beaks have different purposes
 - *Birds Use Their Beaks* (How & Why)
- Many birds eat worms, seeds, berries, and insects.
 - *Birds: The Plant-And-Seed-Eaters* by Jill Bailey
 - *The Robins in Your Backyard* by Nancy Carol Willis
 - *Birds Eat and Eat and Eat* by Roma Gans
 - *Cooking for the Birds: Recipes to Attract and Feed Backyard Birds* by Adele Porter
- Some birds eat other animals. They are called *birds of prey*, or *raptors*.
 - *National Geographic Kids Everything Birds of Prey* by Blake Hoena
 - *Raptor! A Kid's Guide to Birds of Prey* by Christyna M. Laubach
- Birds lay eggs with hard shells.
 - *Hatch!* by Roxie Munro
 - *Birds, Nests & Eggs* by Mel Boring
 - *Eggs and Chicks* by Fiona Patchett
 - *Bird Eggs* by Helen Frost
 - *From Egg to Robin* by Jan Kottke
 - *Chickens Aren't the Only Ones* by Ruth Heller
 - *Whose Egg?: A Lift-the-Flap Book* by Lynette Evans
 - *Birds' Eggs* by Michael Walters

- Most birds build nests.
 - *How and Why Birds Build Nests* by Elaine Pascoe
 - *Birds Build Nests* by Yvonne Winer
 - *Even an Ostrich Needs a Nest: Where Birds Begin* by Irene Kelly
 - *Whose Nest?* by Lynette Evans and Guy Troughton
 - *Mud City: A Flamingo Story* by Brenda Z. Guiberson

- Some birds don't build nests.
 - *The Emperor's Egg: Read and Wonder* by Martin Jenkins
 - *Penguin Chick* by Betty Tatham

- Many birds migrate.
 - *How Do Birds Find Their Way?* by Roma Gans
 - *Going Home: The Mystery of Animal Migration* by Marianne Berkes
 - *Ookpik: The Travels of a Snowy Owl* by Bruce Hiscock
 - *This Way Home* by Lisa Westberg Peters

- Many birds sing their own special song. They are called songbirds.
 - *Songbirds: The Language of Song* by Sylvia A. Johnson
 - *Bird Talk: What Birds are Saying and Why* by Lita Judge

Other books about birds:

- *Crinkleroot's 25 Birds Every Child Should Know* by Jim Arnosky
- *Crinkleroot's Guide to Knowing the Birds* by Jim Arnosky
- *Look Up!: Bird-Watching in Your Own Backyard* by Annette LeBlanc Cate
- *National Geographic Kids Bird Guide of North America* by Jonathan Alderfer
- *Wild About Wisconsin Birds: A Youth's Guide to the Birds of Wisconsin* by Adele Porter
- *From Egg To Robin* by Susan Canizares