


IT'S ALL ABOUT BIRDS

Expedition Learning Card

 How are bird species different from each other?

 species characteristics
ornithologist

 Explore how birds that appear different share some common characteristics.

1 WONDER What bird species would you like to invent, and what would it be able to do?

 Record your ideas on your Data Collection Sheet.

2 EXPLORE Make a bird species that has a head with a beak, a body with wings and feathers, and legs with feet. Which characteristics will your bird have?

BEAKS



probe

hummingbird



tweezers

warbler



all purpose

crow



strainer

duck



spear

kingfisher



crusher

parrot

FEET/ TALONS



grasping

osprey



scratching

pheasant



swimming

duck



perching

robin



running

ostrich



climbing

woodpecker

BODY



boat

duck



broad-wing

eagle



attention grabber

peacock



prop-tail

nightingale

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3 RECORD

 Draw a picture of the bird you created on your Data Collection Sheet.

4 CONCLUDE Draw arrows pointing to each part of the bird. Next to each arrow, describe what skills your bird has because of that characteristic.

 What can your bird's beak do?

 What does your bird do with its feet?

 What can your bird do with its body?

5 EXPAND Ornithologists are scientists who classify birds by their characteristics and inform others about birds. Play the role of an ornithologist.

 Draw a poster that informs others about your bird.

Discovery

Why did we do that?

- Birds have bodies covered with feathers.
- Bird species have specialized beaks, bodies and feet.
- Each bird species has its own characteristics.

Congratulations!

You have earned your "Ask Me About Birds" stamp! Now you are ready to tell people about birds.

