

Bird Facts!

- All birds are warm blooded. They make their own body heat and use feathers to stay insulated.
- Most birds like to eat fruit, plants, seeds, insects, and other small animals. Birds don't have any teeth, so their bodies are used to digesting their food whole.
- Birds will produce calls for a lot of different reasons, including to claim their territory, attract a mate, identify another bird, call out to a parent, or warn other birds about potential predators.
- Humans have identified and classified around 10,000 species of birds on earth! Just about 1,000 of those live in North America, and about 350 live in Oregon.
- A Golden-crowned Kinglet weighs as little as 4 grams (that's just 3 or 4 paperclips!).
- The Rufous Hummingbird flies from Mexico to southeast Alaska and back every year. Why? To raise a family in the north, and spend the winter in the south.
- The Osprey and the Bald Eagle were once very endangered. But thanks to the ban of certain pesticides and the construction of nesting platforms, both species have healthy populations now.



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