

Dinosaurs To Birds

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Introduction

Millions of years ago, a dinosaur with wings flies in the sky. He glides down to the ground where there are other dinosaurs that are all different. Some of these dinosaurs are meat eaters and have big teeth and claws. Others are herbivores that eat plants. All these dinosaurs live all around the world. What these dinosaurs do not know is they will evolve into birds. All these dinosaurs have many similarities and some differences to birds.

Similarities

Both dinosaurs and birds use gizzard stones. Animals swallow gizzard stones to aid digestion and break down food once they enter in the animals' stomach. Birds and dinosaurs sleep in similar ways with their heads tucked under their arms. Both dinosaurs and birds lay eggs. Dinosaurs have scales and birds have scales on their feet and legs. Both dinosaurs and birds have complex lungs. Some dinosaurs have air sacs like birds do.

Differences

One of the main ways they're different is most birds fly and only a few dinosaurs flew. Dinosaurs were reptiles and were cold blooded and birds are warm blooded, although some dinosaurs were partially warm blooded. Also, dinosaurs are extinct and birds are not. This may not be true though. Scientists are wondering if birds are actually dinosaurs or if they are just relatives that evolved from dinosaurs. Some scientists and other people don't believe that dinosaurs evolved into birds.

