Real World

Birds, wings and feathers

At the end of *Rio* Blu learns how to fly. Some birds are very good at flying ... and some birds can't fly.

Hummingbirds

Hummingbirds flap their wings very quickly. Because of this, they can stay in one place. A bee hummingbird is very small. It is about 5 centimetres long.

The Arctic Tern

Some birds migrate. They fly many kilometres to eat and to breed. The Arctic Tern lives in the Arctic from May to August and then it flies about 20,000 kilometres to the Antarctic!

Hummingbird



feathers

very light bones

How do birds fly?

A bird can fly because

it has feathers and

very light bones.

Ostriches have wings and

Ostriches

feathers but they can't fly. They have strong legs and can run very fast – about 70 kilometres an hour! Ostriches can be 2 metres tall.

Penguins

Penguins are birds, but they can't fly. They flap their wings under water ... and swim!

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What do these words mean? Find out.

light (adj) flap migrate breed swim



What is your favourite bird?