

GREAT ONLINE BIRD RESOURCES!

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology

The Cornell Lab is all about the birds! Cornell Lab has species info, bird identification apps, **LIVE NEST CAMERAS** (too cool!) and more bird-related resources than starlings in a flock! Also has great resources for other wildlife!

Link: <http://www.birds.cornell.edu>

Birds of North America Online

Also offered by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, this site has loads of scientific information on all North American bird species. Great resource for school projects!

Link: <https://birdsna.org/Species-Account/bna/home>

The Audubon Society

Full of bird and conservation-related news and information with a strong focus on birds and all issues that impact birds! Contains info on the Christmas Bird Count, a popular citizen science program!

Link: <http://www.audubon.org/>

The Gray Jay is one of the forms of Wisakedjak, an important figure in Dene and Algonquian storytelling. The name "Whiskey Jack" for Gray Jays was derived from Wisakedjak.



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OMFG* BIRDS ARE GREAT!



**Oh My Feathery Goodness*



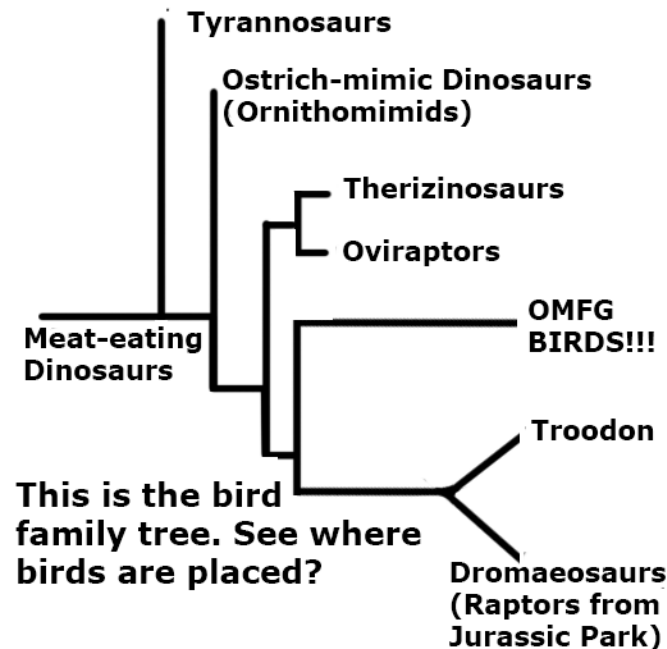
Fun Facts About Our Feathery Friends

WHY ARE BIRDS GREAT?

BIRD HISTORY

Birds first evolved in the Middle Jurassic Period, around 150 million years ago. The first bird was Archeopteryx.

Birds evolved from...**DINOSAURS!** In fact, when paleontologists plot out family trees of fossil and extinct animals, birds **ALWAYS** group as part of the meat-eating (theropod) dinosaur group.



Birds are **LIVING DINOSAURS!** So remember to keep your feeders full!



BIRD FACTS

DID YOU KNOW: Fossil bird feathers have been found with color? We know that Early Cretaceous (120-100 million years ago) birds had black, iridescent, brown, rusty red, and white feathers, much like the colors on this Killdeer!



DID YOU KNOW: The blue you see in this Steller's Jay feathers isn't from a pigment. The blue comes from light reflecting off of tiny air pockets in the feather's molecules!



DID YOU KNOW: "Raptors" is a word to describe the diurnal (active in the day) birds of prey, including hawks (like this Red-tailed Hawk), eagles, secretary birds, falcons, and kites. In Jurassic Park, "raptor" was short for Velociraptor.



CANADA'S NATIONAL BIRD?

DID YOU KNOW: Canada does not currently (as of 2016) have a national bird! The Royal Canadian Geographical Society selected the Gray Jay as their choice for Canada's bird.

Gray Jays are great! They live year round in Canada, they're smart crow-relatives, and will even nest in -30C!

Will the Gray Jay be announced as National Bird for Canada's 150th anniversary? Stay tuned!



I'M A PIPING PLOVER! COLOR ME!

