

Design your own bird



Become the art teacher and encourage wild creativity with this task. You will be surprised at where children's imaginations can take them! You can do this activity with children or leave them to try it by themselves.

Time: One hour

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What you'll need

- Paper
- Colouring pens and pencils



What to do

1. Ask the children to think of their favourite birds and what they love about them. If they're not sure, you could spend some time before this activity looking at different UK birds together. [Our website can help with this.](#)
2. Create a new species of bird with the features from these favourite birds, for example, with a robin's red breast, a kingfisher's long beak and a mallard's big webbed toes!
3. Give the bird a name and create a short fact file about them – think about:
 - a. Where does the bird live? Does it live there all year round? In autumn, swallows from the UK make their way back to Africa to spend the colder months there!
 - b. What kind of habitat does this bird like to make its home in?
 - c. What does it eat? Does it have any special features, like an extra big beak, that helps it eat this?
 - d. Can it fly? How does it get around?
 - e. Does anything eat this bird - or is it top of the food chain?



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This activity can encourage future nature lovers to get away from their screens and can be extended by writing a descriptive piece that brings the newly created bird to life! Considering the adaptations their creation has will help further scientific inquiry and understanding.

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Stephen, Year 5 & 6 teacher, from Leeds

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