

1. [bɜːd] *n*

1. птица
bird dung - гуано, птичий помёт
2. *разг.*
 - 1) девчонка, легкомысленная женщина
 - 2) парень, человек
a gay bird - весельчак
an odd bird - чудака
3. *разг.*
 - 1) летательный аппарат, самолёт, управляемая ракета
 - 2) *амер.* военный лётчик
4. 1) *разг.* заключённый, арестант, преступник
the bird is flown - птичка улетела
- 2) *сл.* тюремный срок (*заклучения*)
5. спутник Земли весом в 100 фунтов
6. волан (*в бадминтоне*)
7. *спорт.* тарелочка (*мишень при стрельбе*)
8. (the bird) грубый жест; \cong кукиш
9. *амер. сл.* орёл (*знак воинского звания*)
10. *арх.* птенец
 - ◇ bird of Jove - *поэт.* орёл
 - bird of Juno - павлин
 - bird of wonder - (птица) феникс
 - a bird of one's own brain - (своя) собственная идея /мысль/
 - to do smth. like a bird - делать что-л. охотно
 - to eat like a bird - есть мало /как птичка/
 - to get the bird - *сл.* а) быть уволенным; б) быть освистанным
 - to give the bird - *сл.* а) уволить; б) освистать
 - for the birds - *сл.* а) \cong дрянь, никуда не годится; б) простака, молокосос
 - you're one for the birds all right - \cong тебя любой обведёт вокруг пальца
 - a little bird told me - \cong слухом земля полнится
 - to make a bird - *воен. жарг.* попадать (*в цель*), поражать
 - a bird in the bush - нечто нереальное *или* неизвестное; \cong журавль в небе
 - a bird in the hand - нечто реальное
 - a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush - *посл.* \cong не сули журавля в небе, дай синицу в руки
 - birds of a feather - \cong одного поля ягода
 - birds of a feather flock together - *посл.* \cong рыбака рыбака видит издалека
 - an old bird - \cong стреляный воробей
 - an old bird is not caught with chaff - *посл.* \cong старого воробья на мякине не проведёшь
 - an early bird - ранняя пташка
 - (it is) the early bird (that) catches the worm - *посл.* ранняя пташка червяка ловит, \cong кто рано встаёт, того удача ждёт
 - to kill two birds with one stone - \cong убить двух зайцев одним ударом

2. [bɜːd] *v*

1. ловить, стрелять птиц
2. изучать птиц в естественных условиях

bird

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bird [bird birds birded birding] *noun, verb* *BrE* [bɜːd] *NAmE* [bɜːrd]*noun* birds

1. a creature that is covered with feathers and has two wings and two legs. Most birds can fly

- a bird's nest with two eggs in it
- a species of bird
- The area has a wealth of bird life.
- More than a third of Britain's bird species need urgent protection.

see also ↑game bird, ↑seabird, ↑songbird, ↑waterbird

2. (*BrE, slang, sometimes offensive*) a way of referring to a young woman

see also ↑dolly bird

3. (*informal*) a person of a particular type, especially sb who is strange or unusual in some way

- a wise old bird
- She is that rare bird: a politician with a social conscience.

more at the early bird catches the worm at †early adj. kill two birds with one stone at †kill v., a little bird told me at †little adj.

Word Origin:

Old English *brīd* 'chick, fledgling', of unknown origin.

Collocations:

The living world

Animals

animals **mate/breed/reproduce/feed (on sth)**

fish/amphibians **swim/spawn (= lay eggs)**

birds **fly/migrate/nest/sing**

insects **crawl/fly/bite/sting**

insects/bees/locusts **swarm**

bees **collect/gather** nectar/pollen

spiders **spin/weave** a web

snakes/lizards **shed their skins**

bears/hedgehogs/frogs **hibernate**

insect larvae **grow/develop/pupate**

an egg/a chick/a larva **hatches**

attract/find/choose a mate

produce/release eggs/sperm

lay/fertilize/incubate/hatch eggs

inhabit a forest/a reef/the coast

mark/enter/defend (a) territory

stalk/hunt/capture/catch/kill prey

Plants and fungi

trees/plants **grow/bloom/blossom/flower**

a seed **germinates/sprouts**

leaves/buds/roots/shoots **appear/develop/form**

flower buds **swell/open**

a fungus **grows/spreads/colonizes sth**

pollinate/fertilize a flower/plant

produce/release/spread/disperse pollen/seeds/spores

produce/bear fruit

develop/grow/form roots/shoots/leaves

provide/supply/absorb/extract/release nutrients

perform/increase/reduce photosynthesis

Bacteria and viruses

bacteria/microbes/viruses **grow/spread/multiply**

bacteria/microbes **live/thrive** in/on sth

bacteria/microbes/viruses **evolve/colonize sth/cause disease**

bacteria **break sth down/convert sth (into sth)**

a virus **enters/invades** sth/the body

a virus **mutates/evolves/replicates (itself)**

be infected with/contaminated with/exposed to a new strain of a virus/drug-resistant bacteria

contain/carry/harbour (especially US) harbor bacteria/a virus

kill/destroy/eliminate harmful/deadly bacteria

Example Bank:

- The birds migrate in September.
- They set up a bird table in the garden.
- We watched a bird of prey swoop down on a mouse.
- an area with a very varied bird life
- birds nesting on the roof of the church
- birds pecking at the corn

Idioms: †bird has flown ▪ †bird in the hand is worth two in the bush ▪ †bird's-eye view ▪ †birds and the bees ▪ †birds of a feather ▪ †for the birds ▪ †give get the bird

verb intransitive, transitive (NAme, informal) ~ (sth)

to go †birdwatching

- I've birded from coast to coast and north to south.
- He has birded the whole of North America.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	bird
	BrE /bɜːd/
	NAme /bɜːrd/
he / she / it	birds
	BrE /bɜːdz/
	NAme /bɜːrdz/
past simple, past participle	birded
	BrE /bɜːdɪd/
	NAme /bɜːrdɪd/
-ing form	birding
	BrE /'bɜːdɪŋ/
	NAme /'bɜːrdɪŋ/

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bird **S2 W2** /bɜːd/ bɜːrd BrE ^{AmE} ^{noun} [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: brid]

1.



a creature with wings and feathers that can usually fly. Many birds sing and build nests, and female birds lay eggs:

- wild birds
 - The dawn was filled with the sound of birds.
 - a flock of birds (=a group of birds flying together)
 - a wooden bird cage
2. **British English informal** a word meaning a young woman, which some people think is offensive
 3. **the birds and the bees** the facts about sex – used humorously or to children
 4. **a little bird told me (something)** **informal** used to say that you know something, but you will not say how you found out:
 - A little bird told me that you've got engaged.
 5. **birds of a feather (flock together)** **informal** used to say that two or more people have similar attitudes, beliefs etc
 6. **give somebody the bird**
 - a) **American English informal** to make a very rude sign at someone by holding your middle finger up
 - b) **British English** to show strong disapproval of someone who is performing or speaking in public, by shouting, making rude noises etc
 7. **a bird in the hand (is worth two in the bush)** used to say that it is better to keep what you have than to risk losing it by trying to get more
 8. **the bird has flown** **informal** used to say that the person you are looking for has already left or escaped
 9. **be (strictly) for the birds** **old-fashioned informal** to be silly, useless, or not practical
 10. **wise/wily/funny/weird etc old bird** **old-fashioned informal** a person who seems wise, funny etc
 11. **do bird** **British English old-fashioned informal** to serve a prison sentence **SYN do time**
- ⇒ **early bird** at ↑early¹(9), ⇒ **kill two birds with one stone** at ↑kill¹(13)

COLLOCATIONS

■ types of bird

- a **wild bird** Our organization aims to protect wild birds.
- a **bird of prey** (=that hunts and eats small animals) A single bird of prey hovered overhead.
- a **game bird** (=that people shoot and eat) They hunt game birds such as ducks and pheasants.
- a **seabird/sea bird** Sea birds are often the victims of oil spills.
- a **songbird** (=that makes pleasant sounds in order to attract other birds) Hedges provide good protection for songbirds.
- a **migratory bird** (=that moves to different regions for the summer and winter) This route is taken by many migratory birds going south.
- a **flightless bird** (=that cannot fly) The emu is a large flightless Australian bird.

■ phrases

- a **flock of birds** (=a large number of birds together) Suddenly a flock of birds flew up into the sky.

■ bird + NOUN

- **bird song** (=musical sounds that birds make) The forest is full of bird song at all times of the year.

- **bird watching** (=the activity of watching wild birds) One of his hobbies is bird watching.
- **a bird watcher** The coast path is a paradise for bird watchers.

■ verbs

- **a bird flies** Some birds fly incredible distances.
- **a bird soars** (=flies very high in the sky) We watched birds soar in the blue sky above.
- **a bird swoops down** (=it suddenly flies down) The bird swoops down on its prey.
- **a bird flaps its wings** (=it moves its wings up and down) The baby birds were trying to flap their wings.
- **a bird sings** (=makes musical sounds) I woke up to hear the birds singing outside.
- **a bird chirps/twitters** (=makes short high sounds) Birds chirped to one another from different branches of the tree.
- **a bird squawks** (=makes a loud unpleasant sound) The bird in the cage started squawking.
- **a bird builds a nest** By March many birds have already built nests.
- **a bird nests** Many birds are nesting on the riverbanks.
- **a bird lays its eggs** The bird lays a single egg on the ground.
- **a bird pecks (at) something** (=makes small movements with its head) Some birds were pecking at the remains of a sandwich.
- **a bird perches** (=stands on a something above the ground) Beautiful white birds perched on the tree's branches.
- **a bird hops** (=makes small jumping movements) A small bird was hopping across the grass.
- **a bird migrates** The birds migrate from South America to North American breeding grounds.

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