

Unit 6. Vertebrates

Characteristics of Vertebrates

	How it Breathes	Body Covering	Born Alive or Eggs	Warm or Cold Blooded	Something that makes them distinctive
Amphibians	Gills as tadpoles, lungs as frogs	Slimy wet skin (moist)	Eggs	Cold	Can live on land and in water
Birds	Lungs	Feathers	Eggs	Warm	Most can fly. All have wings.
Fish	Gills	Scales	Eggs	Cold	Breathe under water. Fins for locomotion.
Mammals	Lungs	Skin and fur (or hair)	Alive. Except the platypus!	Warm	Give birth to live, fully developed young. Suckle young. Mammary glands.
Reptiles	Lungs	Scaly skin	Eggs	Cold	Have scaly skin.