



Feet and Claws

Importance of Feet and Claws

All birds have:

- Two feet
- Four toes

Functions of Feet and Claws:

- Walking, Hopping, Running, and Perching: Helps birds move around.
- Swimming: Some birds use their feet to swim.
- Wading through Water: Birds with long legs can walk through shallow water.
- Catching Food: Birds use their claws to catch and hold food.
- Protection: Claws help birds defend themselves from enemies.

Different Types of Feet and Claws

Birds have different feet and claws based on their habitat and food habits:

| Type of Bird | Feet & Claws Features | Purpose |
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| Hen | Strong, thick claws | For scratching the ground to find food |
| Eagle | Sharp, curved claws (talons) | For catching and holding prey |
| Duck | Webbed feet | For swimming in water |
| Pigeon | Slender feet with sharp claws | For perching on branches |
| Crane | Long, thin legs with wide feet | For wading through water |