

Birds of a Feather



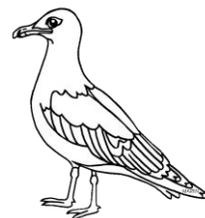
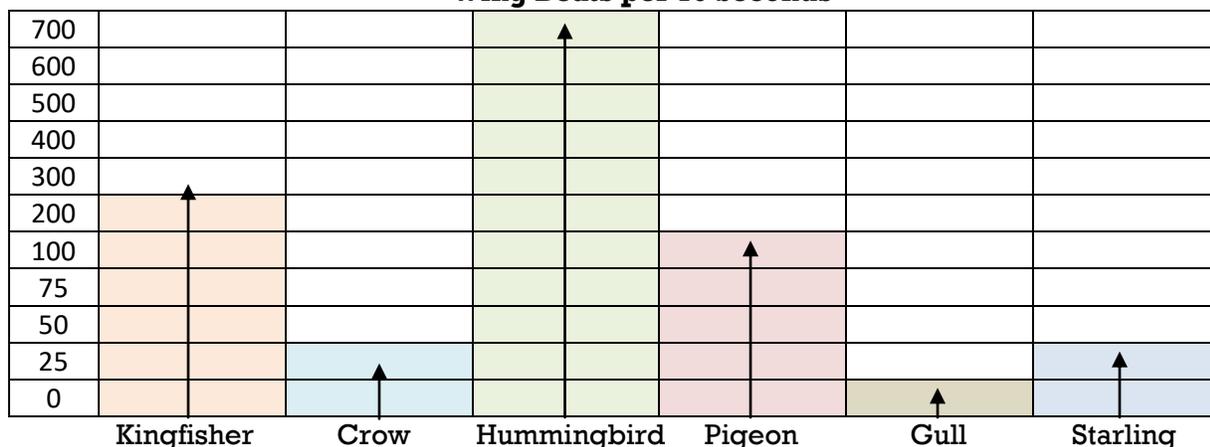
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Use the chart below to compare the different speeds birds can flap their wings.

- Which bird has the most wing beats per 10 seconds?
- Which bird has the least wing beats per 10 seconds?
- Are the wing beats of a Gull $<$, $=$, or $>$ to the wing beats of a Pigeon?
- Put in order which birds flap their wings the fastest to the slowest:

- Why do you think some birds flap their wings slower and some birds faster?

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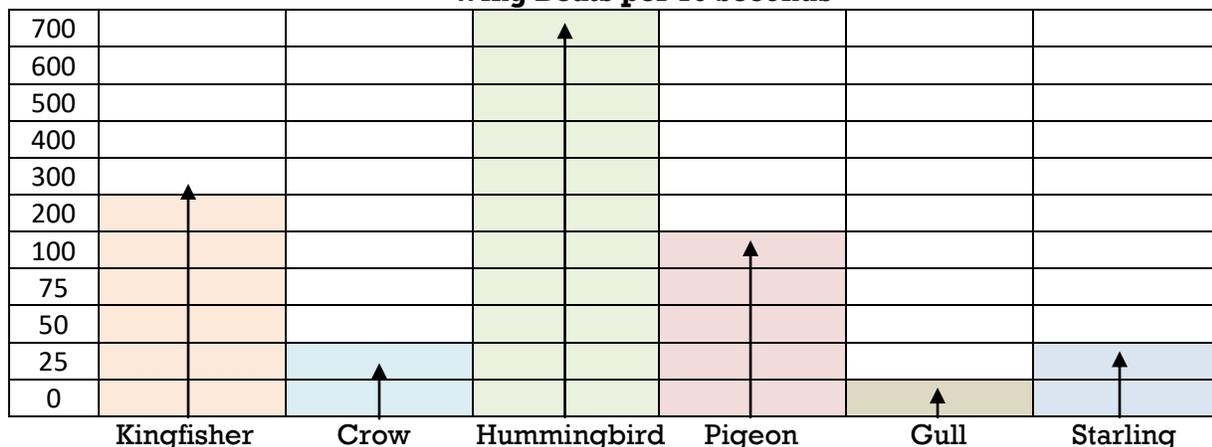
- Which bird has the most wing beats per 10 seconds?
The hummingbird has the most wing beats per 10 seconds.
- Which bird has the least wing beats per 10 seconds?
The gull has the least wing beats per 10 seconds.
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The wing beats of a gull are $<$ then the wing beats of a pigeon.
- Put in order which birds flap their wings the fastest to the slowest:

Hummingbird – Kingfisher – Pigeon – Crow – Starling – Gull

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***Answers will vary.**

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