

# AVIAN ANATOMY

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# Domestic birds

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- Gallus domesticus - Chicken**
  - Meleagris gallopova - Turkey**
  - Anser domesticus - Goose**
  - Anas domestica - Duck**
  - Columba domestica - Pigeon**
  - Coturnix coturnix - Quail**
  - Struthio camelus - Ostrich**
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# Adaptations of Flying in Birds

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- They have wings
- The body is covered by feather
- They have air sacs and pneumatic (air filled) bones (Pneumatisation)
- They have no teeth, lips and cheek.
- They have no urinary bladder
- Lay an egg
- They have Carina on the sternum
- They have pygostyl in the tail

# OSTEOLOGIA

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- Charasterictic features of the Avian bones are lightness and strength

# OSTEOLOGIA

## Cranium

### Neurocranium

Os occipitale, os parietale, os temporale, os frontale, os sphenoidale.

### Splanchnocranum

Os lacrimale, os nasale, os maxillare, **os premaxillare**, os zygomaticum, os palatina, os pterygoideum, os vomer, **os quadratum**, mandibula, os hyoideum.

# **OSTEOLOGIA**

## **Cranium**

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- Orbita is too large.

# OSTEOLOGIA

## Cranium

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- Mandibula consists of 11 bone pieces.

# **OSTEOLOGIA**

## **Columna vertebralis**

### Number of Vertebra

	Chicken	Duck	Goose	Pigeon
Cervical	14	14	17	12
Thoracal	7	9	9	7
Lumbal	4	4	4	4
Sacral	10	10	10	10
Caudal	7	7	7	7

# **OSTEOLOGIA**

## **Columna vertebralis**

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- os lumbosacrale-synsacrum

# OSTEOLOGIA

## Sternum

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- Sternum : crista sterni-carina on the ventral surface
- Proc.lateralis cranialis, proc.lateralis caudalis, proc.thoracicus

# **OSTEOLOGIA**

## **Ossa membra thoracici**

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- Cingulum membra thoracici  
Scapula,  
os coracoides,  
clavicula : furcula in «V» shape
  - Ossa alae  
Humerus  
Antebrachium  
Ossa carpi  
Ossa carpometacarpalia  
Ossa digitii manus
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# **OSTEOLOGIA**

## **Ossa membri pelvini**

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- Pelvis = Synsacrum + Os coxae
- Pelvis is the largest bone in the body and it has no symphysis pelvina

# ARTHOLOGIA

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- Sutures between the skull bones are totally fused
- Articulatio quadromandibulare
- Vertebral discs are circular shape because of the absence of nucleus pulposus
- Art.humeri is delabens joint.
- Art.tarsi : tibiotarsus and tarsometatarsus bones

# MYOLOGIA

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- According to the presence of the myoglobin, the color of the muscles can be red or white
- They have no lips, cheek, nose and ear muscles.
- Neck and tail muscles are well developed
- They have well developed pectoral muscles in order to flight long distance

# SYSTEMA DIGESTORIUM

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- They have a large body cavity.
- Omentum is absent
- They have four peritoneal sacs :

Cavum hepaticum ventrale peritonei - Covers the liver

Cavum hepaticum dorsale peritonei - Covers the liver

Cavum intestinale peritonei - Covers the intestines and urogenital organs

# SYSTEMA RESPIRATORIUM

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- Larynx is double.

Larynx cranialis - for respiration

Larynx caudalis (syrinx) - for the voice forming

# SYSTEMA RESPIRATORIUM

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- Sacci pneumatici
  - Functions:
    - Increase the body volume
    - Pneumatisation
    - Termoregulation
    - Increase the voice volume
  - They have 8 air sacs
  - Saccus cervicalis
  - Saccus clavicularis
  - Saccus thoracicus cranialis
  - Saccus thoracicus caudalis
  - Saccus abdominalis
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# SYSTEMA URINARIA

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- Kidneys are embedded to bottom of os lumbosacrale.
- They have no Papilla renalis, pelvis renalis, calix renalis and urethra.
- They have no urinary bladder (except ostrich).

# SYSTEMA GENITALIA

## Organa Genitalia Masculina

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- Testicles are located in the body cavity and they are larger than mammals'

# SYSTEMA GENITALIA

## Organa Genitalia Masculina

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- They have no funiculus spermaticus and accessory glands
- Ductus deferens drains to urodeum
- Penis : Phallus

# SYSTEMA GENITALIA

## Organa Genitalia Feminina

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- Right ovary and salpinx are regressed.

# **SYSTEMA GENITALIA**

## **Organa Genitalia Feminina**

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- Tuba uterina drains to urodeum. It has 5 main parts :

**Infundibulum**

**Magnum**

**Isthmus**

**Uterus**

**Vagina**

# SYSTEMA VASORUM

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- They have no auricula.
- Valvula tricuspidalis like a muscle sheet
- They have no chorda tendinea and m.papillaris in right ventricle

# SYSTEMA VASORUM

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- Vena cava cranialis are double
- Two arteries are originated from Arcus aortae
  - : Tr.brachiocephalicus dextra et sinistra
- Vena azygos is absent
- Double tr.thoracoabdominalis is the largest lymphathic vessels.

# SYSTEMA NERVOSUM

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- sulci and gyri are absent

# SYSTEMA NERVOSUM

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- Pons, septum pellucidum and adhesio interthalamica are absent.
- Tectum mesencephali : corpora bigemina "optical lobe".
- Cauda equina is absent.