

# Baby Birds

All birds lay eggs and keep them warm until they hatch. Baby cowbirds hatch after 10 days. Baby emus and albatrosses hatch after about 80 days. Most birds, like chicken, ducks and common wild birds, hatch after about 20 days.



**There are two kinds of baby birds, altricial and precocial.**

The **altricial** birds hatch without feathers and need their parents to feed them every 15 to 20 minutes! Baby robins, blue jays and cardinals are all altricial birds.

Ducks, geese and chickens are types of **precocial** baby birds. These kinds hatch with fluffy, downy feathers and do not need their parents to feed them. These babies can follow their parents from the day they are hatched. They can eat by pecking food off of the ground.

**Help the baby duck get to the pond and his family.**

