

Vertebrate Key

Does it have a backbone at any stage in its lifecycle?

If yes
Vertebrate

If no
Invertebrate

Does it have scales?

Yes

No

Does it have fins and gills?

Does it have feathers?

Yes

No

Yes

No

FISH
Lays eggs in water.
Cold-blooded.

REPTILE
Has lungs, lays eggs on land.
Cold-blooded.

BIRD
Has lungs, lays eggs on land.
Warm-blooded.

Does it have hair on its body?

No

Yes

AMPHIBIAN
Lays eggs in water.
Cold blooded.

MAMMAL
Young are born alive and fed on milk.
Warm blooded.