

# The Origin of Birds

There is no gradual series of fossils leading from fish to amphibians, or from reptiles to birds. Instead, fossil types are fully formed and functional when they first appear in the fossil record.

- *Pandas*, p. 106

If only we could find a fossil showing scales developing the properties of feathers, or lungs that were intermediate between the very different reptilian and avian lungs, then we would have more to go on. But the fossil record gives no evidence for such changes

- *Pandas*, p. 22

