

Ornithology - Day 15

1. Name the two groups in the infraclass Palaeognathae.

2. What are the two main differences between tinamous and ratites?

3. Give an example of a flightless bird that is NOT a ratite.

4. Name two extinct ratite species.

Answers

1. tinamiformes, ratitae
2. Tinamous have a keeled sternum and are able to fly somewhat, while ratites have a flat sternum and small wings that do not allow them to fly.
3. Answers may vary but could include penguins, rails, auks, etc.
4. moa, elephant bird