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## The Language of Feathers: How Birds Communicate

### Short Answer Key

1. Birds use vocalizations to communicate for various purposes, such as alerting others of potential predators, maintaining group cohesion, and attracting mates.
2. One type of visual signal used by birds is feather displays, where birds may puff up their feathers to appear larger or flash bright colors to attract mates.
3. Courtship displays are performed by birds to attract mates and establish breeding pairs, often involving elaborate dances or colorful plumage displays.
4. Birds may use aggressive body language, such as wing-flapping and bill-snapping, to assert dominance or defend territories.
5. Pheromones are chemical signals released by birds to convey information about reproductive status, social hierarchy, and individual identity.

