

**FLY THE PTERODACTYL**

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Mark Witton Author provided Unlike birds with feathered wings, pterosaurs had a membrane that stretched from the end of an elongated fourth finger to their legs more similar to a bat than a bird. The technique let Manafzadeh map out the range of motion of the quail hip with ligaments attached, which she could then compare Fly the Pterodactyl the range of motion that might have been inferred from bones .

The popular conception of pterodactyl flight shows them in a pose with wings spread. Since evolution tends to repeat the same patterns, this would answer the embarrassing question of why modern birds have never evolved to azhdarchid-like sizes. Some paleontologists believe that Pteranodon's crest served as a rudder to help stabilize it in flight, while others speculate that Nyctosaurus may have sported a colorful "sail" of Fly the Pterodactyl.

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