

- Setaceous.** Bristly.
- Setiform.** Bristle-like.
- Shaft.** Stiff axis of a quill.
- Shoulder girdle.** The bony girdle posterior to the head, to which the anterior limbs are attached (post-temporal, scapula, and coracoid or clavicle).
- Soft dorsal.** The posterior part of the dorsal fin in fishes, when composed of soft rays.
- Soft rays.** Fin rays which are articulate and usually branched.
- Spatulate.** Shaped like a spatula.
- Speculum.** A brightly coloured spot of the secondaries, especially of ducks.
- Sphenoid.** Basal bone of skull.
- Sphenotic.** A lateral bone of the skull.
- Spine.** Any sharp projecting point; in fishes those fin rays which are unbranched, inarticulate, and usually, but not always, more or less stiffened.
- Spinous.** Stiff or composed of spines.
- Spinous dorsal.** The anterior part of the dorsal fin, when composed of spinous rays.
- Spiracles.** Openings in the head or neck of some fishes and Batrachians.
- Spurious quill.** Said of the first primary when less than about one-third the length of the second. The student will notice that in Oscines the presence of a short or spurious quill indicates ten primaries, its absence nine.
- Stellate.** Star-like, with radiating ridges.
- Sternal fontanel.** A pit at the top of the sternum.
- Sternum.** The breast-bone.
- Striate.** Striped or streaked.
- Sub (in composition).** Less than; somewhat; not quite; under, etc.
- Sub-caudal.** Under the tail.
- Sub-opercle.** The bone immediately below the opercle (the suture connecting the two often hidden by scales).
- Sub-orbital.** Below the eye.
- Sub-orbital stay.** A bone extending from one of the sub-orbital bones in certain fishes, across the cheeks, to or towards the preopercle.
- Subulate.** Awl-shaped.
- Suffrago.** Heel joint; joint of tibia and tarsus.
- Supraciliary.** Pertaining to the region of the eyebrow.
- Supplement : maxillary.** A small bone lying along upper edge of the maxillary.
- Supraclavicle.** A bone interposed between the clavicle and the post-temporal.
- Supraoccipital.** The bone as the posterior part of skull in fishes usually with a raised crest above.
- Supra-oral.** Above the mouth.