




# Wing Emoji

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## I. Identification and II. Images

Color Sample Image	Black and white Sample Image	Proposed Unicode and CLDR name	Possible CLDR English keywords	Closest Unicode Emoji
		Wing	Flying, angelic, aviation, bird, mythology	

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## III. Sort location

[animal-bird](#)



## II. Selection factors — Inclusion

### A. Compatibility

n/a

### B. Expected use

#### 1. Frequency

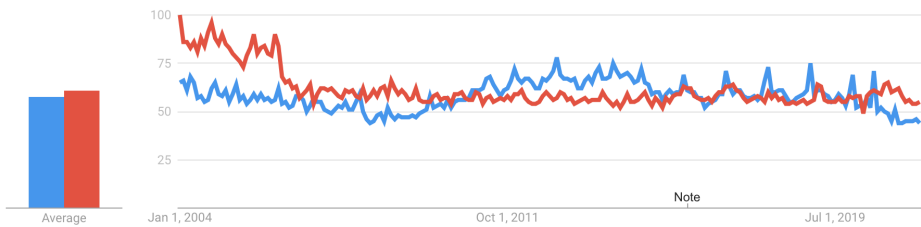
Usage is expected to be high given the long-standing symbolism of wings in literature, arts, movies, and comics. The following search results indicate this emoji could perform well over-median.

Google search	Bing Search	Google VideoSearch
<p>wing</p> <p>All Maps Images</p> <p>About 5,480,000,000 results</p>	<p>wing</p> <p>ALL IMAGES</p> <p>52,300,000 Results</p>	<p>wing</p> <p>All Maps Images New</p> <p>About 368,000,000 results (0.44 seconds)</p>

● elephant Search term
● wing Search term
+ Add comparison

Worldwide | 2004 - present | All categories | Web Search

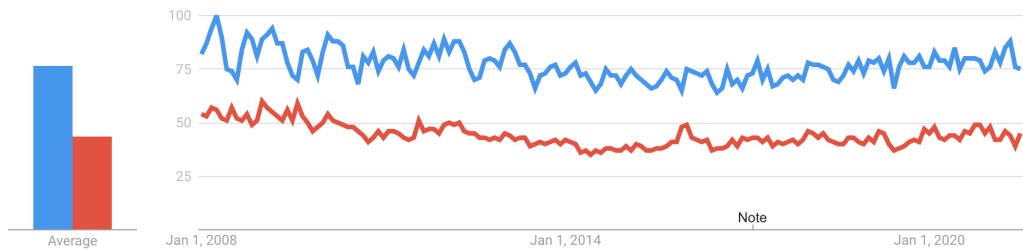
Interest over time ? ↓ <> ↻



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## 2. Multiple usages

Wings fit within many tropes with a broad range of symbolism.

- Angelic Tropes
- Avian Tropes
- Fantasy Tropes
- Flying Tropes

## 3. Use in sequences

This emoji can be used in combination with a [number of animals](#) and other emoji to elevate them (pun intended) into new expressive spaces.

### One emoji, many concepts

- Time flies 🕒 🦋
- OMW (super fast) 🥾 🦋
- Wind beneath my wings 🌬️ 🦋
- Don't fly too close to the sun 🦋 ☀️
- That's Impossible 🐷 🦋

### One emoji, many animals

- Winged Dragon 🐉 🦋
- Pegasus 🐎 🦋
- Flying Squirrel 🐿️ 🦋
- Flying Squid 🐙 🦋
- Flying Fish 🐟 🦋
- Flying Snakes 🐍 🦋
- Flying Monkeys 🐵 🦋
- Flying Lizard 🦎 🦋

- Hot Wings 🔥🪶

#### 4. Breaking new ground

The more emoji can operate as building blocks the more flexible they become.

#### C. Image distinctiveness



Wings can be found in literature dating thousands of years back to Greek Mythology as well as in contemporary culture in cartoons and movies.

#### D. Completeness

n/a

### III. Selection factors — Exclusion

#### F. Overly specific

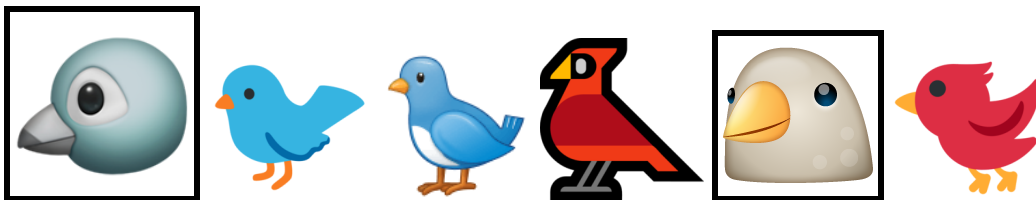
No. While there are many colors and types of wings this emoji is what has come to become the prototypical style — simple, white, and open..

#### G. Open-ended

No. There are four types of [Wing Shapes](#): Passive/Active Soaring, Elliptical wings, High speed wings, and hovering wings. This wing is broad enough to reasonably represent all four types.

#### H. Already representable

No. While I originally thought perhaps the bird emoji was sufficiently emblematic of “flying” , two major messaging platforms don’t even show the bird emoji WITH wings (really?? really.)



I also considered “airplane” emoji as a suitable “already representable” substitute but found that in identical sequences (listed above) it does not capture the long-standing range that a wing embodies

- Pegasus 🐎🪶

- Flying Squirrel 🐿️ 🚀
- Flying Squid 🐙 🚀

**I. Logos, brands, UI icons, signage, specific people, deities**

Not applicable. There are no logos, brands, signage or otherwise among the proposed characters.

**J. Transient**

Not applicable.

**K. Faulty comparison**

Justification for encoding the proposed emoji does not depend on analogy with other emoji that were encoded only for compatibility reasons.

**L. Exact Images**

An exact image is not required.