Wing Emoji
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I. Identification and II. Images

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I certify that the images have appropriate licenses for use by the UTC.

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.
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- **Search term**: wing
- **Results**: About 5,480,000,000

**Bing search**

- **Search term**: wing
- **Results**: About 368,000,000

**Google VideoSearch**

- **Search term**: wing
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**Search comparison**

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**Interest over time**

- **Search term**: elephant
- **Search term**: wing
- **Note**:

**Average**

- **Jan 1, 2004**: 100
- **Oct 1, 2011**: 50
- **Jul 1, 2019**: 25

**Note**

- **Average**
- **Jan 1, 2008**: 100
- **Jan 1, 2014**: 75
- **Jan 1, 2020**: 50
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 🦲
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

● Hot Wings 🔥
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.