Vertebrate Dichotomous Key

Warm Blooded or Cold Blooded?

Fur or Feathers?
Or
Live birth or Egg laying?

Scales or Skin?
Or
Born on land or in the water?

Birds
- Vertebrates
- Warm blooded
- Feathers
- Egg laying
- Most can fly

Mammals
- Vertebrates
- Warm blooded
- Fur or hair
- Generally live birth
- Mothers provide milk for their young

Reptiles
- Vertebrates
- Cold blooded
- Scales (dry)
- Egg laying on land

Does the adult have gills or lungs?

Fish
- Vertebrates
- Cold blooded
- Scales (Wet)
- Egg laying in water
- Gills and fins

Amphibians
- Vertebrates
- Cold blooded
- Wet or slimy skin
- Egg laying in water
- Metamorphosis