

# Video: Festo's Smartbird robot featured at TED conference

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(PhysOrg.com) -- Robotics company, Festo, showed off the near four-month old creation, [Smartbird](#) robot, at the 2011 [TEDGlobal Conference](#) in Edinburgh.

Markus Fischer, a Smartbird project leader, unveiled live demonstrations along with a brief talk about the robotic seagull.

With the help of an on board motor, Smartbird, modeled after the herring gull, can flap its wings and fly.

From a company whose inventions also include a pair of robotic penguins and an [elephant's trunk](#), Festo's Smartbird really soars.

**More information:** [www.physorg.com/news/2011-03-b...ane-robot-video.html](http://www.physorg.com/news/2011-03-b...ane-robot-video.html)

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