

BIRD PECTORAL GIRDLE FUNCTION

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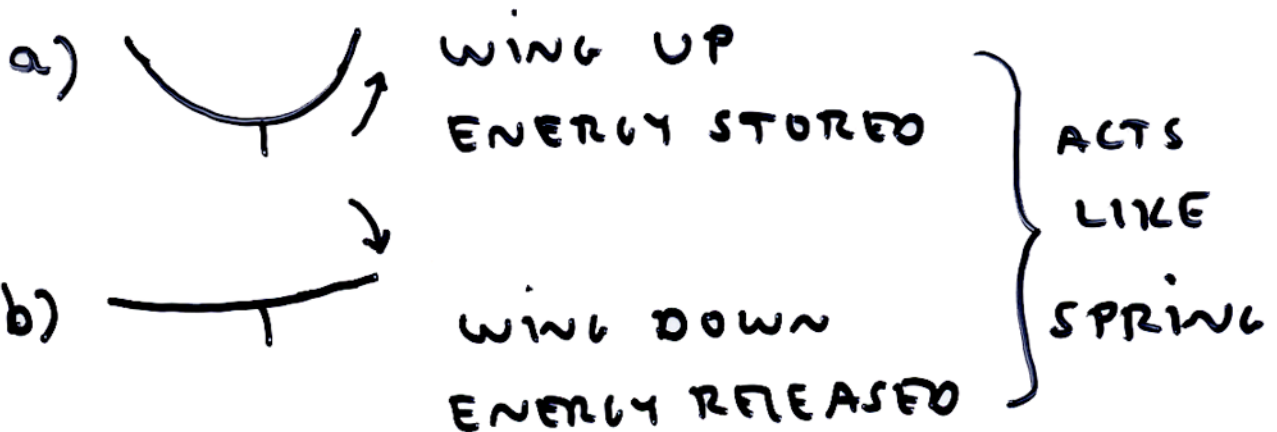
1) STERNUM

a) LARGE "KEEL FOR ATTACHMENT OF FLIGHT MUSCLES

2) REPLACEMENT BONE "CAGE"

a) DISTRIBUTES FORCE GENERATED BY WING DOWNBEAT

3) WISHBONE



NOTE: ELASTIC (SPRINGY) PROPERTIES OF WISHBONE CONFERRED BY LARGE SPONGY COMPONENT OF DERMAL BONE