

Emus

Name: _____

Emu Facts

• The emu is the largest bird in Australia, and the second largest bird in the world after the ostrich.

• Emus have long feet, each with three toes. On one toe they have a sharp nail that is used against predators.

• After the female emu lays the eggs, it is the male emu that sits on the nest.

• Emu eggs are dark green and weigh about half a kilogram. (That's about 10 times heavier than a chicken egg)

Do you know any more interesting facts about emus?

Drawing

Emu feathers are soft and light brown with dark tips. Older emus have some grey feathers.

Emus have a pointy beak, large bright looking eyes and often a blue throat.

Emus build a nest of grass and weeds on the ground.

Emu chicks are covered with striped brown to black down (soft feathers), and have spotted feet.

Draw a picture of an emu and its nest. You may include some eggs in the nest or some baby chicks nearby.

Running Fast

Emus can run very fast. (nearly 50 kph). That means they can run 100 m in about 8-9 seconds.

How long does it take you to run 100 m?



Writing a Narrative

Write a funny narrative (story) about an emu and some other Australian animals.

Plan before you write.

What people and animals are in your story? (characters)

Where is the story taking place? (setting)

How does the story start? (the problem or action that sets off the events)

What happens next? (sequence of events)

How does the story end? (how the problem is solved)

Number Crunchers

Edna the emu laid 7 eggs.

Elsie the emu laid 9 eggs.

Ethel the emu laid 8 eggs.

How many more eggs did Elsie lay than Edna?

How many more eggs did Ethel lay than Edna?

How many eggs did they lay altogether?

Yesterday, 4 of Edna's eggs hatched. How many of her eggs are still to hatch?

Today, 5 of Elsie's eggs hatched. How many of her eggs are yet still to hatch?

