



Science

Ostriches Flightless Birds



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Ostriches are the biggest bird in the world! They can be 9 feet tall. How tall are you?

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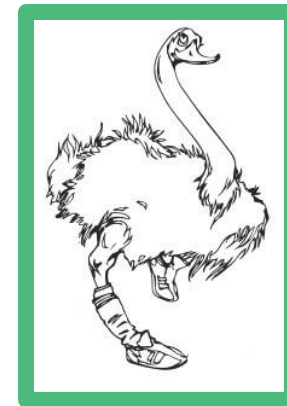
Ostriches are very heavy. They can **weigh** 300 pounds! How much do you weigh?

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Ostriches flap their wings when they are angry.

Ostriches have wings. But, ostriches cannot fly. They are too big. They are **flightless**.
What are you too big to do?



Ostriches move by **walking or running**. They are very fast. They can kick animals that are attacking them. Sometimes they kick lions!



Ostriches are **vertebrates**. They have a skeleton. Do you have a skeleton? Do you know the names of your bones?



This ostrich is preening.



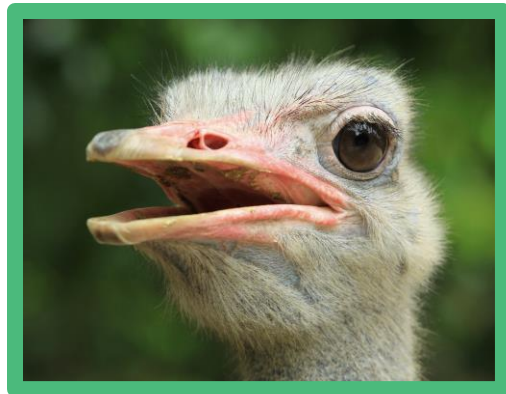
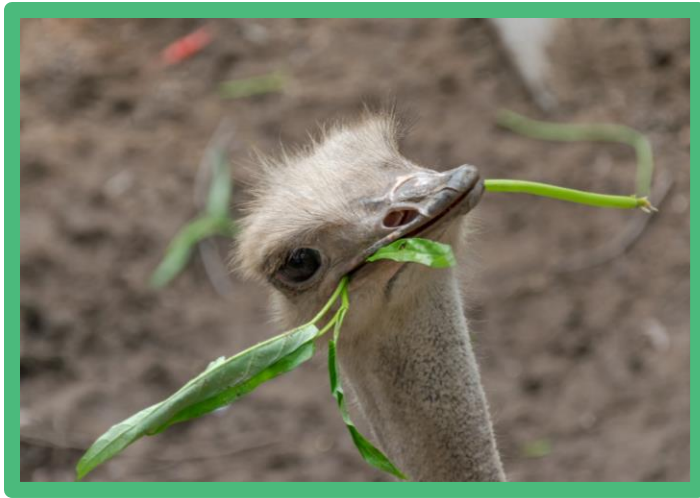
Ostriches have **feathers**. Feathers keep the ostrich cool when it is hot. Feathers keep it warm when it is cold. Have you ever found a feather?



Ostriches have **nests**. They make a nest by digging in the dirt. They lay eggs in their nests. Have you ever found a bird's nest?



Ostrich **eggs** are the biggest bird eggs. Do you eat eggs? How do you like them cooked?



Ostriches have **beaks**. They use them to eat plants and insects. Sometimes they eat small animals. What plants do you eat? What do you like on your salad?



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