

## Ostrich

The ostrich is the largest living bird and is too big to fly.



**Habitat** — The ostrich lives in the dry grasslands of Africa.

**Size** — The ostrich is 1.75 – 2.75 metres tall. Their tails are nearly 1 metre long.

**Appearance** — The ostrich has a long neck and powerful legs. It can run very fast at speeds of up to 44 miles per hour. The male has soft curling feathers, the females are brown in colour with white wings and the young are a grey brown colour.

**Diet** — The ostrich mainly eats grasses, seeds, leaves, and flowers. Occasionally they may eat small reptiles.

**Young** - The female makes a hollow in the ground to lay her eggs. The male and the female take turns to keep the eggs warm. After 6 weeks the chicks hatch.

**Interesting fact** — The egg is the largest laid by any bird and is the equivalent to 40 hens' eggs.