

Ostrich: Organizing Research Note-catcher

(Answers, for Teacher Reference)

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<i>"Fight to Survive!" Patricia Fitzsimmons for EL Education</i>	<i>How they look: have long necks and good vision: "Their long necks and keen vision allow them to see for great distances."</i>	<i>Run fast: "Ostriches also use speed to escape from predators. They are strong runners with long, powerful legs. They can cover great distances without much effort. In fact, ostriches have the longest legs of any bird."</i>
<i>"Fight to Survive!" Patricia Fitzsimmons for EL Education</i>		<i>Live in groups: "Ostriches live in groups for similar reasons.... One ostrich can warn others when a predator approaches."</i>
http://eled.org/ostrich	<i>How they look: long neck and legs, small head, big eyes: "... long, bare neck, large body and long, sturdy legs. Despite its relatively small head, it is also notable for having the largest eyes of any land animal."</i>	<i>Sharp claw: "The inner toe is thick and strong, adapted for running, and is armed with a formidable, ten centimetre long claw, which can be used in defence."</i>
http://eled.org/ostrich	<i>How they look: Males are black and white; females are smaller and brown: "The adult male ostrich has black plumage, with a white tail and primary feathers, and a bright pinkish or blue neck in the breeding season. The female is smaller and is grey-brown in colour."</i>	<i>Loud call: "The male also produces a loud "booming" call, which sounds rather like the roar of a lion and is produced during display, or at night when a predator is near."</i>
http://eled.org/ostrich	<i>Diet: grasses, seeds, leaves, flowers, fruit, and roots: "The diet of the ostrich includes grasses,</i>	

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http://www.whateats.com/what-eats-an-ostrich	<i>Predators: lion, leopard</i>	