

The Ostrich

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Habitat

Ostriches like to live in open areas on the savannah across Africa. They are perfectly at home living in semi-desert and desert areas as well.

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Diet

Ostriches eat almost anything they find including roots, leaves, seeds, insects, snakes, lizards, rodents and small stones which help grind the ostriches food inside it's stomach.

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Ostriches mate for life. Females lay between 14 to 60 eggs at a time. The job of incubating the eggs is shared between the male and the female ostrich. The nest is a hole scraped into the ground with their strong feet. Ostrich eggs are BIG! They weigh about 1.3kg. The egg is a creamy colour and has a shiny finish. Eggs take around 35 - 40 days to hatch. The young chicks are protected by the male ostrich until they are old enough to fend for themselves.



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