

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Emu

*Dromaius novaehollandiae*

The emu is the largest native bird in Australia and the second-largest living bird in the world, surpassed only by the ostrich. This flightless bird is characterized by its long legs, soft brown plum...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Bird

**Family:** Dromaiidae

**Habitat:** Open grasslands, savannas, and forests of Australia

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 10-20 years

**Weight:** 30–55 kg (66–121 lbs)

**Scientific name:** *Dromaius novaehollandiae*

### Did you know?

- Emus have a specialized tracheal pouch that allows them to produce deep booming and drumming sounds that can be heard up to 2 kilometers away.
- Emus are flightless but are excellent runners, using their powerful legs to escape predators. They have a unique double-plumed feather structure that...

### What I learned

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