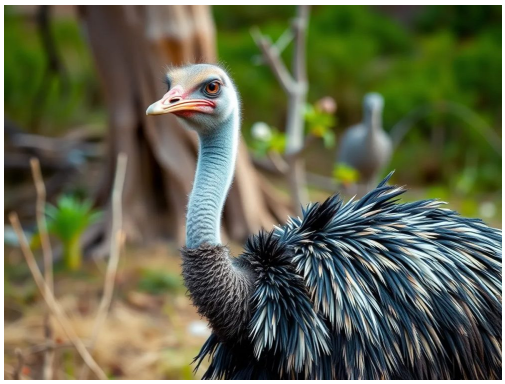
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Animal Fact Sheet

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Emu

Dromaius novaehollandiae

Dromaius novaehollandiae is the second tallest bird alive and it turns the usual bird story upside down: it is the male who does everything. Once the female has laid her clutch of dark green eggs in …

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 swallow stones, sometimes 45 grams' worth at a time, to grind food in the gizzard, and they will also swallow charcoal and, unhelpfully, glass a…

What I learned

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