Information about Emus – Room 2

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| **Description**  Can’t fly  3 toes  35-40 kg  Height = adult human  Long legs | **Diet**  Rain  Fruit  Seeds  Insects  Flowers  Water  Leaves  shoots |
| **Habitat**  Forest  Grasslands  Water  Outback | **Emu Chicks**  Green eggs  Strong eggs  Fledglings = baby chicks  Chocolate and cream stripes  Chirp inside the egg |
| **Any interesting facts**  Very small – 10 times bigger than domestic chick  Run in zig zag –  Predators – goannas, eagles, dingoes, lizards (eggs)  Can’t fly  Nest - leaves and twigs  Inquisitive – like to learn | |

Information about Emus – Room 1

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| **Description**  2 Long feet  Yellow  Black  Run fast  Brown  Long neck  Oval  Sharp beak  Feathers  Coat  Small head  Wings  tall | **Diet**  Bugs  Insects  Water  worms  fruit  shoots  seeds  flowers |
| **Habitat**  Arid  Forest  Grasslands  Streams  Dry areas  shelter  central Australia  outback  wild  zoo  most habitats  tufty grass | **Emu Chicks**  Brown and yellow/ cream  Camouflage  Roam further to find own food  Stripes turn to brown  Eggs – blue  Chirp  Born in a few days  Crack -  Warm  Predators – lizards, birds  Ten times larger than domestic chick  Hatch late winter early spring  Curious  Blink-eyed chicks  Adult feathers - |
| **Any interesting facts**  Swim  Can’t fly - flightless  Biggest bird in Australia  Predators – goanna  Run 40 kilometres per hour  Formidable weapons – strike out  Claws  Beak  Zig zag from predators  caravan | |

Information about Emus – Room 5

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| **Description**  As tall as a human  Weigh 35-40 kiolgrams  Long skinny legs | **Diet**  Range of food  Fruit  Insects  Stones help digest food  Plants  seeds |
| **Habitat**  Eucalpytus trees  Australia  Dry places  Open forest  Grassland  Well away from each other | **Emu Chicks**  Make nests away from other animals  Male looks after chicks  Clutch  Stays on eggs for 8 weeks  Limited movements  Blue/green eggs  Eggs  Yellow and black feathers  Need to be looked after  Creamy and brown  Grunt alarm  Eggs will perish without care  Fledglings  Ten times bigger than domestic chick  2-3 months loose first feathers  Alert to danger  3-4 months get own food  6 or 7 months get adult feathers  Vulnerable – need to be looked after  Nest away from other emus  perish |
| **Any interesting facts**  One of fastest birds in the world  Can run 40 kilometres per hour  Predators – dingoes, goannas, eagles  Zig zag to get away  Chicks caravan closely  Nests on ground  Strike out with beak and claws  Only fight when cornered  Females breeds – leaves to breed again  Nest away from each other  Travel in large group to find water | |

Information about Emus – Room 6

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| **Description**  Long neck  Strong beak  Can’t fly  Run fast  Sharp claws  Weigh 35-40 kilograms  2 legs  Small ears  Neck  Lots of feathers  Grey brown  Feathery  Wings  3 toes  Formidable weapons | **Diet**  Leaves  Seeds  Stones - digest  Flowers  Grass  Berries  Shoots  worms |
| **Habitat**  Australia  South Australia  Forest  Desert  Hot places  Grasslands  Open forest  Eucalyptus trees | **Emu Chicks**  Ten times bigger than domestic chicks  Predators – lizards, birds - eagles  6 months independent  Hatch late winter, early spring  Active –soon as born  Keep eggs warm  Valuable  Vulnerable  Eggs dark green |
| **Any interesting facts**  Can grow same size as adult  Build nest with twigs and leaves  Run fast  Can’t fly  Zig zag  Predator – dingoes, eagles. Eggs- lizards, birds | |