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Now that we know what Emus look like, let's find out where they live. Emus come from a place called Australia, and they live in lots of different habitats there, like forests, deserts, and grasslands. They are great at adapting to their environment and can survive in areas with lots of heat or very little water. Because of their strong legs, they can travel long distances in search of food and water.

Speaking of food, do you know what Emus like to eat? They are omnivores, which means they eat both plants and meat. Their diet includes things like seeds, fruits, insects, and even small lizards. Unlike other birds, Emus swallow small stones and pebbles to help grind up their food in their stomach.



Now, let's talk a bit about Emus and their relationship with other animals, including us humans. Emus are generally peaceful animals, but they can defend themselves with strong kicks if they feel threatened. Humans have been fascinated by Emus for a long time and even feature them in ancient Aboriginal art in Australia. So, next time you see an Emu, remember, they are not just big birds, but also fascinating creatures with a unique place in our world's ecosystem.





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- 16) "Being an omnivore means I eat both plants and meat. My diet includes seeds, fruits, and insects."
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- 18) "I only eat leaves, I don't like to eat insects or small lizards."
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- 22) "I can only survive in cold and snowy places."
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Determine if the statement is a fact or opinion based on the information in the article.

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- 30) Emus are the second largest birds in the world.
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Determine if the statement is true or false.

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