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LOOKING AT FURS AND FEATHERS AROUND THE WORLD

CHAPTER 3




BIRDS OF THE
WORLD

OSTRICH



An ostrich's legs are so strong that one kick can fend off a predator, including lions!

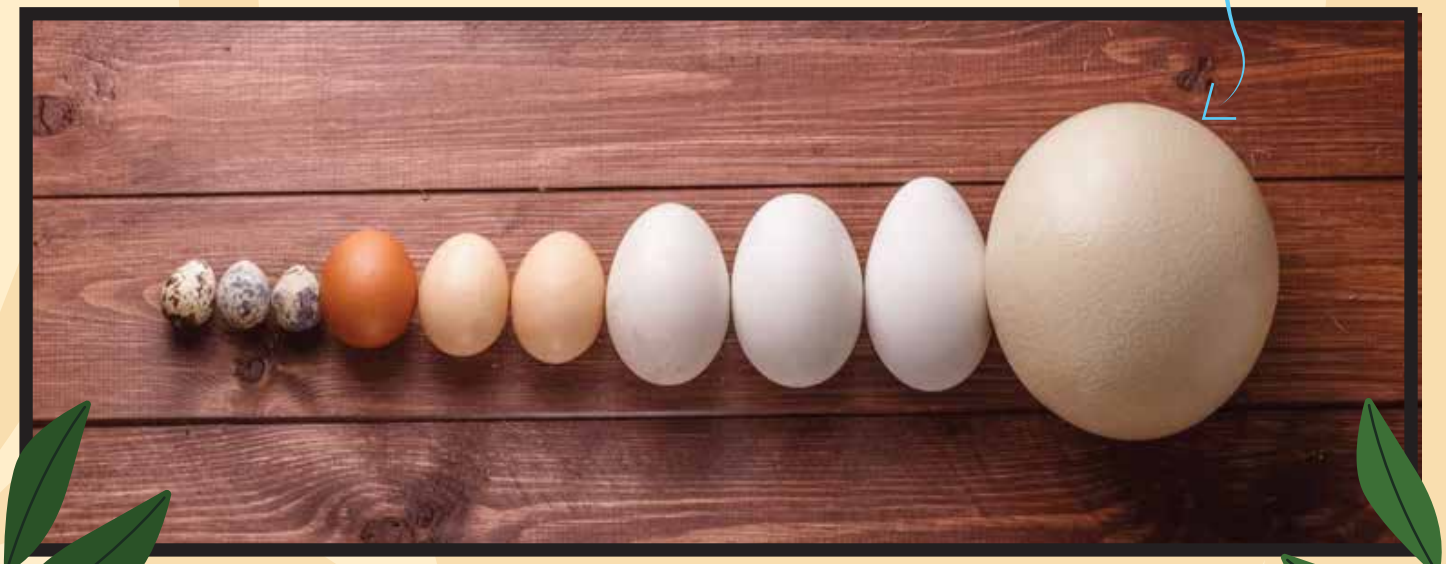
Unlike most birds, ostriches have only two toes on each foot, which helps them run faster and maintain balance.



OSTRICH

Ostrich eggs are the biggest of any bird, measuring about 15 centimetres in length and weighing up to 1.4 kilograms.

Ostrich egg



AFRICAN GREY PARROT



These parrots can live for 40–60 years in captivity!



AFRICAN GREY PARROT



See the size difference between the African grey parrot and the rose-ringed parakeet.

African grey parrot: About 30–35 centimetres in length and weighs around 400–600 grams.

Rose-ringed parakeet: About 18–20 centimetres in length and weighs around 110–140 grams.

HYACINTH MACAW



The Hyacinth macaw is the largest parrot in the world, measuring up to 100 centimetres in length, including its long tail, and weighing around 1.2–1.7 kilograms.

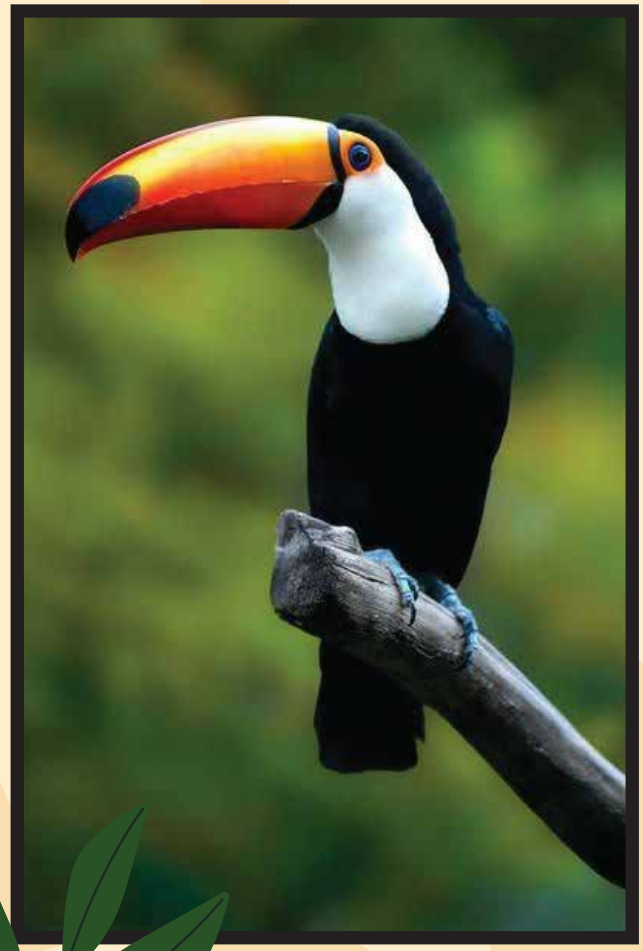


HYACINTH MACAW



The Hyacinth macaw has a powerful beak capable of cracking open hard nuts like coconuts and Brazil nuts. Their beaks are so strong they can easily break through tough shells to access the seeds inside.

TOUCAN BIRD



Despite their size, the beaks of toucans are lightweight because they're made of keratin, the same material as human hair and nails.

Toucans rarely fly far and prefer gliding short distances

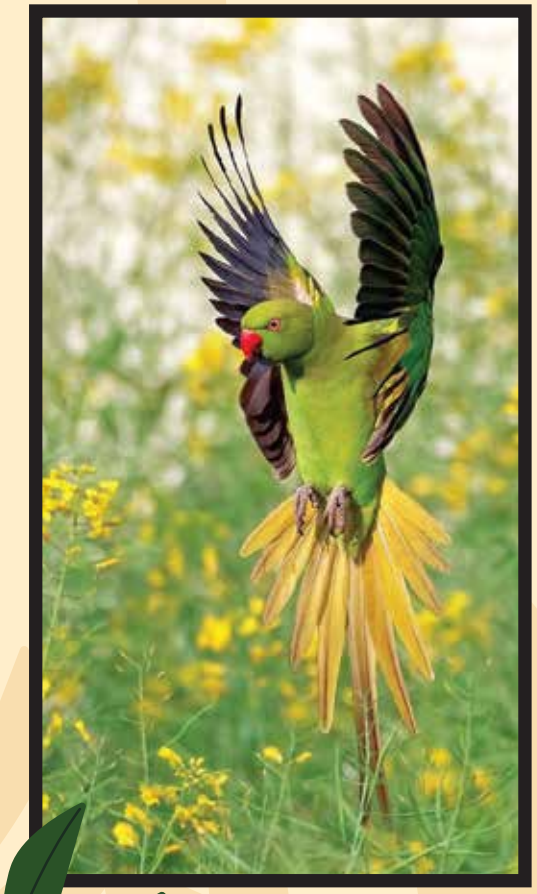


TOUCAN BIRD



This is how toucan babies
look right after birth!

ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET



These parakeets are known for their loud, chattering calls, which they use to communicate with other members of their flock.

ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET



Rose-ringed parakeets have a strong, curved beak that helps them crack open seeds and nuts. They are also known to peel fruits and vegetables with great precision.


BEARS OF THE
WORLD

POLAR BEARS





Polar bears are carnivores and primarily hunt seals, especially ringed seals, which they catch by waiting near breathing holes in the ice.

POLAR BEARS



Polar bears are strong swimmers and can travel long distances in the icy waters of the Arctic. They are known to swim for several hours at a time in search of food.

SUN BEARS



Sun bears have an extraordinary long, sticky tongue. They use it to extract honey from beehives, as well as to feed on insects and fruit.

Sun bears are known for the yellow or white crescent-shaped patch on their chest, which looks like the sun and is unique to each bear.



SUN BEARS



Sun bears are omnivores, feeding on a variety of foods like honey, fruits, insects, small mammals, and even birds. Their sharp claws and long tongues help them access food that other animals can't reach.

GIANT PANDAS



Giant pandas have a diet that consists almost entirely of bamboo, which makes up about 99% of their food intake. They use their strong jaws and flat teeth to crush and chew the tough stalks.



GIANT PANDAS



Pandas prefer to live alone. Each panda has its own territory in the forests of China.

Due to strong conservation efforts, the giant panda's population has been steadily increasing.

NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR



Black bears have an excellent memory, especially when it comes to finding food. They can remember the locations of food sources, such as berry patches, and return to them year after year.


BEARS IN INDIA

HIMALAYAN BROWN BEAR



Himalayan brown bears are found in the high-altitude regions of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, and Uttarakhand.



HIMALAYAN BROWN BEAR



Like most brown bears, the Himalayan brown bear is solitary and shy, avoiding human contact.

SLOTH BEAR



The sloth bear has specially adapted teeth and lips to suck up insects.



SUN BEAR vs SLOTH BEAR- know the difference!



SUN BEAR

One of the most obvious differences is their chest markings.

The sun bear has a yellow or white crescent-shaped mark that resembles the Sun.

The sloth bear usually has a white or cream-colored V-shaped mark on its chest.



SLOTH BEAR

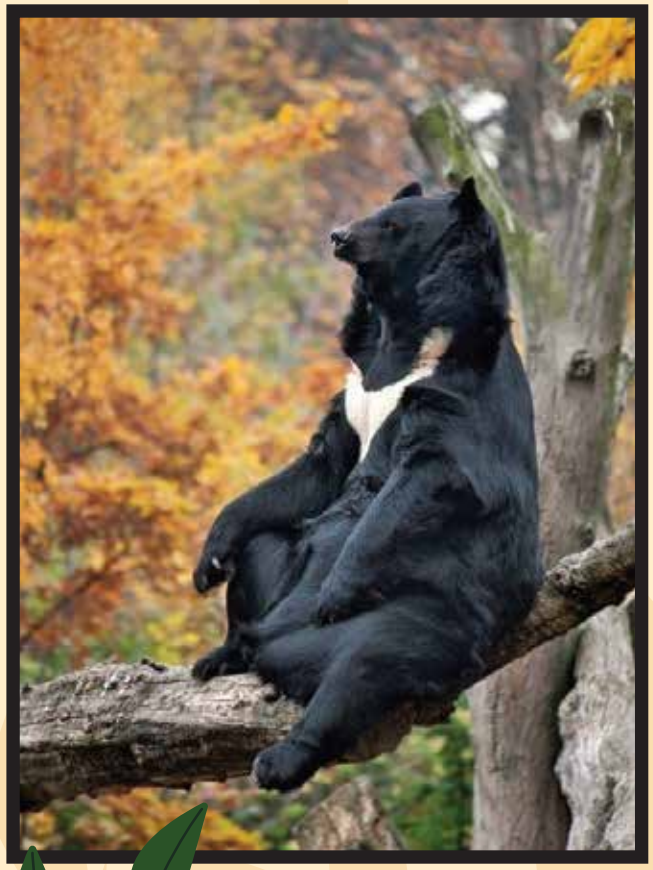
ASIATIC BLACK BEAR or MOON BEAR



The Asiatic black bear has a thick, black coat and a strong build, adapted to the mountainous regions of India.



ASIATIC BLACK BEAR or MOON BEAR



Asiatic black bears are excellent climbers, often found in trees where they forage for food like fruits and honey.