

Fun facts about Emu's



1. They are only found in Australia.
2. They are the second tallest bird, after the ostrich.
3. They have three toes on each foot and can run long distances at a fast trot of up to 48km per hour.
4. They drink a lot of water; 9 – 18 litres daily.
5. They have a pouch in their windpipes that can make drumming and grunting sounds that can be heard up to 2 kilometers away.
6. Their bodies contain up to 13.5 litres of oil.
(Emu oil is used in lotions, soaps and shampoos)
7. The Australian coat of arms has the image of an emu on it as they can not walk backwards
(to represent a country that only moves forwards)
8. More than 600 places in Australia are named after the emu in their title, including mountains, lakes, hills, plains, creeks and waterholes.



Fun facts about Sharks



1. There are more than 470 species of sharks.
2. They have prowled Earth's seas for 400 million years.
3. The majority of shark species live 20 to 30 years, but the Greenland shark can live up to 400 years!
4. A shark can smell one drop of blood in one million drops of water.
5. Up until the 16th century, sharks were called "sea dogs".
6. Sharks never get cavities as they have a layer on flouride coating their teeth.
7. If a great white shark stops swimming it sinks.



Fun facts about Kookaburra's



1. There are four species of kookaburra's.
2. Groups of Kookaburras often call loudly at dawn and dusk. The birds' calls are known as the 'Bushman's Clock'.
3. Kookaburras stay with their mate for life.
4. Kookaburras don't need to drink as they get all the water they need from their food.
5. Baby kookaburra chicks are born blind and with no feathers.
6. They are meat eaters. They can catch a snake by the back of its neck and drop it from great heights to kill it.



Fun facts about Kangaroos



1. Kangaroos are social and live in groups called a mob, a herd or a troop.
2. They can leap the distance of 9 meters and up to heights of a 3 meters.
3. They can jump at speeds of 56 kilometers per hour.
4. They can't walk backwards.
5. There are more kangaroos than humans in Australia.
6. They are the national symbol of Australia and appear on postage stamps, coins, and aeroplanes



Fun facts about Koalas



1. Koalas have large noses that are coloured pink or black.
 2. Adult koalas can eat up to 1kg of eucalyptus leaves a day.
 3. They almost never need to drink water, getting sufficient water from the leaves they eat.
 4. Koala's are nocturnal, sleeping 18 to 20 hrs a day.
 5. Koalas only spend 15 minutes a day in social activity.
 6. Like humans, koalas have fingerprints.
- They are the only other mammals besides primates to have them.

