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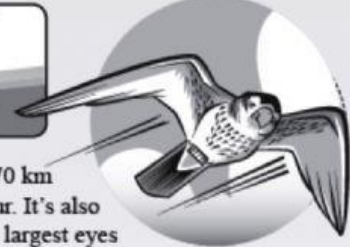


There are wonderful birds around the world that are unique in their own way. Some birds are very small, very big, fly very fast or very slowly, run very fast or lay big eggs. Let's look at some of these that still exist on our planet.



It isn't the biggest bird in the world, but it's got the biggest wingspan. The **Wandering Albatross** has got wings that are usually over three metres long. They always live at sea and only come to small islands in the south Atlantic and Indian Ocean to eat and to lay their eggs. The size of its wings helps the Wandering Albatross to fly for hours without moving them and some scientists say that it sleeps in the air. Pollution, especially plastic, is putting these magnificent birds in danger of extinction.

The **Common Ostrich** comes from the same family as the kiwi and is the biggest bird in the world. It's got a very long neck and legs that make it the fastest bird, too. Careful! It doesn't fly faster than the Peregrine Falcon, but it runs faster than any other bird on land. An ostrich can run



about 70 km per hour. It's also got the largest eyes and it lays the biggest eggs. They usually weigh more than a kilo. A **Peregrine Falcon** is the fastest bird when it drops from high up. It dives at a speed of 300 km per hour! It can also see other birds from 8 km away!

And what about small birds? The **Bee Hummingbird** weighs about two grams (0.002 kilos) and it's about 5 cm long. It looks like an insect and flaps its wings 80 times per second! A different type of hummingbird has got the fastest wings in the world; it moves them 90 times per second.



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- 1 The Common Ostrich has got longer wings than the Wandering Albatross. ____
- 2 An ostrich only lays one egg. ____
- 3 The Peregrine Falcon is the fastest bird on land. ____
- 4 The Bee Hummingbird has got the smallest eggs in the world. ____
- 5 The Peregrine Falcon can stay in the air the longest without moving its wings. ____