

PART 4 Questions 31–40*Complete the notes below.**Write **ONE WORD ONLY** for each answer.***THE EXTINCTION OF THE DODO BIRD**

The dodo was a large flightless bird which used to inhabit the island of Mauritius.

History

- 1507 – Portuguese ships transporting 31 stopped at the island to collect food and water.
- 1638 – The Dutch established a 32 on the island.
- They killed the dodo birds for their meat.
- The last one was killed in 1681.

Description

- The only record we have is written descriptions and pictures (possibly unreliable).
- A Dutch painting suggests the dodo was very 33
- The only remaining soft tissue is a dried 34
- Recent studies of a dodo skeleton suggest the birds were capable of rapid 35
- It's thought they were able to use their small wings to maintain 36
- Their 37 was of average size.
- Their sense of 38 enabled them to find food.

Reasons for extinction

- Hunting was probably not the main cause.
- Sailors brought dogs and monkeys.
- 39 also escaped onto the island and ate the birds' eggs.
- The arrival of farming meant the 40 was destroyed.