

## The buzz about birds!

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- Did you know that the bee humming bird of Cuba is no bigger than a bumble bee?
  - Did you know that the African Ostrich can grow to over eight feet tall. That is, taller than an average man. Wow!
- An eagle can catch prey heavier than itself. Amazing! Isn't it?
  - Awesome! The Andean condor from South America is the biggest bird of prey, it has a wingspan of over nine feet and it weighs up to 24 pounds.
- Did you know the peregrine falcon can travel faster than an express train? Yes, when it spots its prey the falcon folds its wings close to its body and dives at up to 220 mph.
  - A flamingo gets its colors by the food it eats. Did you guess?
- Did you know that swans have about 25,000 feathers, that is more than almost any other bird.
  - Woodpeckers use their beaks to find bugs that are in the wood of a tree. Cool!
- Pelicans can hold more fish in its beak than its stomach. Believe it or not, it is true!
  - A parrot's beak is so strong that a parrot can climb with it. Won't you say Wow!
- Did you know that the bee hummingbird's nest is the same size as a thimble.
  - Is it true that nests are birds' homes where they sleep at night? No actually birds only use their nests for raising their chicks.
- Guess what, when a bird stands on one leg it is keeping its foot warm. Did you know this for sure?

*Hope you enjoyed the facts. See you in next issue.*