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It commonly subsists in the Southern part of the island, Tasmania. It is the lone member of genus *Dromaius* a genus of birds of the ratite bird order: Emus were first discovered by the European explorers during their transitory visit to the western coast of Australia. This Tasmanian bird started to become wiped out in the late eighteenth century after the settlement of European in Australia. Human presence proved to be worst ever for emu birds and their subspecies. Unfortunately today emus are not as common as it were hundreds of years back. Emus depict the true cultural emblem of Australia and even few places have been named in Australia after this aboriginal bird. Emu Bird Emu Bird Facts Unlike any other birds emus are exceptionally capable to assimilate hard materials like stones, glass shards and even metals crumbs since these things assists in the digestive process. Similarly the drinking habit of these birds also presents a very unique picture in that they drink only one or two times a day. One of the amazing emu bird facts is that emu birds are capable to swim as well as sit in water with no difficulty whatsoever. They are very susceptible to other animals or humans for the same reason they sleep infrequently even at nights. Their quick eyesight as well as sharp hearing sense makes them even more alert to their enemies. One of the best features of emu bird is that they can bear any sort of temperature according to the given circumstances. It is too hard to make a distinction between a male and female emu however difference arises when it comes to make loud sounds. On the funnier side female emu birds usually fight with one another for their mate. Their breeding season is in May and June. Female emus are capable of laying eggs in a large number in one season. Before the breeding season weight of these emu birds significantly increases; however, male loses considerable amount of weight all through this time. Emu bird chicks usually come up with the period of eight weeks and males are responsible for looking after these young ones. Emu bird chicks become a full-grown emu only in six months. The maximum lifetime of these birds ranges from 10 to 20 years. Emu Bird Today we have only three subspecies of emus namely: Female emus are relatively greater in size slightly as compared to the males. As against the ostrich with two toes emus have three toes with long neck and legs. The size of their wings is around 20 cm 7. The working of these wings bears paramount significance while running in that they help them in maintaining a sheer balance while moving. The limb musculature has been designed in such a way as to enable the bird to run expressly. While walking emus are capable to take a step of more than 3 feet however; when it comes to the maximum stride this step increases to around 9. There are no feathers on their legs while the lower part of their legs are thick in order to provide more comfort. The size of their toes and claws is about 15 centimeters almost 6 inch. The sharp nails and the strong legs help them to run off from any predator. So far as the eyes are concerned they are brown in color and the eyelid moves all through the eye to ensure the complete protection from dust particles. Actually there are nictitating membranes which serve as a shelter to these eyes. The sounds of emu are like grunting and booming with the very high pitch especially in females that it can be easily heard even at a distance of 2 km. Emu Bird Facts Emu Bird Ecology and Behaviour Emu birds generally avoid populated and arid areas and are mostly found in the savanna woodland and sclerophyll forests. Emus customarily travel in pairs in search of food; owing to this behavior they cannot be easily hunted by their predators. Usually in summer emu move towards north while the direction shifts to the south in winter. Emus are not accustomed to swimming, though when needed they are the best swimmers. Unlike other birds they are not sensitive to humans rather any human limb movement attracts them out of the curiosity. Emus are not the slumber birds instead they sleep haphazardly all through the night. Emus begin to calm down as soon as the sun begins to set down. Even in the deep sleep they are very vigilant in that they can easily come out of the sleep and react accordingly. However the maximum duration of deep sleep goes to 20 minutes only. On the whole sleeping

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time of emus constitutes hours daily. Apart from eating plants they intake insects like crickets, grasshoppers, ants and lady birds. Due to this much eating the requirement of proteins is easily fulfilled. Amongst these crops and fruits are also accessible to these big birds. Of course as said earlier stones and pebbles also play a vital role in the digestive process for they become an indispensable need for emus. They can gulp down some other materials like charcoal, jewellery, nuts etc. Emu birds occasionally drink water but when they do so the intake is in larger quantity. However, one of the strange behaviors has been observed scientists are that they usually examine water before drinking. The drinking period last for 10 minutes. Generally emus prefer to drink in isolation though they share water with kangaroos and other birds too. Since they are more alert compared to other animals they drink water while standing [More Interesting Facts about Emu.](#)

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Chapter 2 : Animal migration - Wikipedia

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This species will nest on the ground when no suitable trees are available. Pelicans are very large birds with very long bills characterised by a downcurved hook at the end of the upper mandible, and the attachment of a huge gular pouch to the lower. The slender rami of the lower bill and the flexible tongue muscles form the pouch into a basket for catching fish, and sometimes rainwater, [12] though not to hinder the swallowing of large fish, the tongue itself is tiny. Although they are among the heaviest of flying birds, [46] they are relatively light for their apparent bulk because of air pockets in the skeleton and beneath the skin, enabling them to float high in the water. The wings are long and broad, suitably shaped for soaring and gliding flight, and have the unusually large number of 30 to 35 secondary flight feathers. The American white pelican grows a prominent knob on its bill that is shed once females have laid eggs. They rub the backs of their heads on their preen glands to pick up an oily secretion, which they transfer to their plumage to waterproof it. As the air flows between the wings and the water surface, it is compressed to a higher density and exerts a stronger upward force against the bird above. Agonistic behaviour consists of thrusting and snapping at opponents with their bills, or lifting and waving their wings in a threatening manner. This species builds nests in trees. A spot-billed pelican feeding a juvenile in a nest in a tree at Garapadu , India A nesting colony of Australian pelicans on the coast of New South Wales , Australia: This species nests on the ground. Pelicans are gregarious and nest colonially. Pairs are monogamous for a single season, but the pair bond extends only to the nesting area; mates are independent away from the nest. The ground-nesting white species have a complex communal courtship involving a group of males chasing a single female in the air, on land, or in the water while pointing, gaping, and thrusting their bills at each other. They can finish the process in a day. The tree-nesting species have a simpler process in which perched males advertise for females. Colonies of tens or hundreds, rarely thousands, of birds breed regularly on small coastal and subcoastal islands where food is seasonally or permanently available. In arid inland Australia, especially in the endorheic Lake Eyre basin , pelicans breed opportunistically in very large numbers of up to 50, pairs, when irregular major floods, which may be many years apart, fill ephemeral salt lakes and provide large amounts of food for several months before drying out again. The male brings the nesting material, in ground-nesting species which may not build a nest sometimes in the pouch, and in tree-nesting species crosswise in the bill. The female then heaps the material up to form a simple structure. Both parents feed their young. They may remain with their parents afterwards, but are now seldom or never fed. They are mature at three or four years old. Nearer the shore, several encircle schools of small fish or form a line to drive them into the shallows, beating their wings on the water surface and then scooping up the prey. When fishing in groups, all pelican species have been known to work together to catch their prey, and Dalmatian pelicans may even cooperate with great cormorants. This operation takes up to a minute, during which time other seabirds may steal the fish. Play media Brown pelicans diving into the sea to catch fish in Jamaica Large fish are caught with the bill-tip, then tossed up in the air to be caught and slid into the gullet head-first. All species breed readily in zoos, which is potentially useful for conservation management. With restrictions on DDT use in the US from , its population has recovered, and it was delisted in

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Chapter 3 : Chicken Behavior: An Overview of Recent Science

Shining Bronze-cuckoo. Chalcites lucidus - Point Cook Coastal Park, Victoria

Birds learn to communicate with us through sounds, behavior and actions. Using their body language and vocalizations they can "tell" us when they are happy, content, frightened, sick, hungry, tired, angry, or ready to be held and cuddled. The ability to communicate is a vital element in any relationship, and it is of utmost importance that bird owners learn to interpret the meanings of their birds sounds and behaviors in order to successfully tame, train, and provide them with the very best of care. While the actions of one particular bird or species do not necessarily mimic the meaning of the same action in all other birds, we have found there to be a general similarity in the actions and meaning of some basic avian behaviors. If your bird exhibits any of the following behaviors, try to ascertain exactly what your feathered friend is trying to tell you, and respond or refrain from responding accordingly. In a bird that is exhibiting additional aggressive behaviors such as tail fanning, this behavior means "Back Off! If you persist in attempting contact, you may get a nasty bite for your trouble. Your bird may also be exhibiting this behavior in response to another bird, animal, or human in the vicinity that is disliked. Barking Even in a household without dogs, some birds will "bark" in excitement, during a "chatter" session, or in an attempt to display their dominance over their cagemates or other birds in the household. Growling An indicator of aggression, growling is sometimes accompanied by dilating pupils and raised feathers on the back of the neck. It generally means that a bird does not want to be approached. In these cases it is best to retreat and wait for the bird to calm down before attempting any contact. Purring Very similar to the growling sound, but not usually accompanied by dilating pupils. This behavior indicates contentment. This invitational behavior is most often seen in cockatiels and cockatoos. Beak Clicking Beak clicking is a sharp, consistent "clicking" sound used when a bird feels threatened, or is protecting a particular object or space. Often accompanied by neck stretching and sometimes the raising of a foot, it is a signal that the bird is defending territory or possessions, and is trying to ward off the "intruder". Approaching a bird exhibiting this behavior will most likely result in a nasty bite. Beak Grinding This is similar to the sound of a child grinding his teeth at night, and is a result of a bird scraping the lower mandible against the upper mandible. It is usually a sign of a bird feeling secure and content. This will often be heard after your bird settles in for the night, right before he drops off to sleep, and sometimes during sleep. When done in the presence of another bird, it is usually an attempt to tell the other bird that it is intruding on personal territory. When done while alone, it usually indicates one of two things: Displaced aggression means that the bird cannot perform the activity he would like to and is aggravated, which he displays by wiping his beak on another object. Whenever the bird is caged and observes acts of affection between the owner and his wife, the bird commences beak wiping and aggressive behavior. Biting With young birds, there is often a "teething stage" encountered where the youngsters will "beak" almost everything it comes in contact with. In these instances, the "beaking" cannot be considered as biting but as experimentation. With older birds, biting is obviously the most definitive form of showing displeasure. Biting birds do so for a reason. The bird may be feeling threatened, frightened or startled. Birds will bite during display; to protect their nest; or when the owner is doing something the bird disapproves of. Birds may also bite their mate or beloved human in an attempt to protect them. Biting can also be caused by displaced aggression; when unable to bite the desired object, your bird will bite the closest thing at hand. When encouraging a bird to step up onto your hand, do not misunderstand an open beak aimed at your hand as an attempt to bite. Birds almost always "test" a perch before stepping onto it to ensure its stability, and will touch his beak to your hand before stepping onto it. Whistling, Singing, Talking These activities are usually indulged in when the bird is feeling safe, secure and content in his surroundings. Expected times are during the early morning hours when the sun rises, and at dusk when the sun is going down, but also occur anytime the bird is feeling especially exuberant and happy! Sneezing Birds sneeze for the same reasons we do: Some birds will sneeze if this behavior has been positively

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reinforced. If the sneezing is accompanied by nasal discharge, your bird should be seen by an avian vet. This action is also sometimes performed on a favorite toy or other object. Bonded birds show their affection for each other by feeding each other, and accomplish this by regurgitating food. This is also the manner in which parents feed baby chicks. Chattering Loud chattering or crowing is usually heard at dusk, when birds are settling down for the night. It is believed to be an attempt to make their presence known to other birds, or possible to re-establish relationships among the flock. Soft chattering is often how a parrot amuses itself, and is normally a sign that the parrot is feeling safe and content. This muted chatter is also heard when a bird is practicing speech; words and phrases can sometimes be heard if you listen closely. Craning the Neck This is simply a bird who is trying to see what activities are going on around him! Usually accompanied by a distinct widening of the eyes and the body being held very still. Head Snaking Characterized by the "snaking" of the head from side to side in a fluid motion. Appears to indicate excitement, a quest for attention, or be a display behaviour. My severe macaw, Bo, performs a similar activity where he jerks his head around at a 30 degree angle and looks at me sideways. He will hold this position until I jerk my head in a similar fashion. He then responds by jerking his head in the opposite direction, and again holding that position until I respond! It has become an enjoyable game to him, and he will do this when he is trying to get my attention. This is excellent exercise and birds appear to have a great deal of fun with this activity. This behavior very rarely ends in any injury, and is often followed by mutual preening. Lowered Head A bird who is pulling his wings in close to his body, has his head lower than the perch and sometimes bobbing slightly, and is leaning forward with quivering or flapping wings is getting ready to take flight. This behavior is often displayed when a bird is questing for attention, and will often attempt to fly to you if you do not give them the attention they are seeking. As opposed to the similar aggressive posture see "Crouch Stance" below, a bird that wants to be scratched or is asking for attention will be relaxed in posture, whereas the aggressive stance will be distinguished by tension in the body and the slight elevation of the nape and back feathers, but not the head feathers. Panting A panting bird is overheated, overexerted and uncomfortable. Birds that are not used to flying and have regrown their flight feathers will often do this when they take their first few flights. Preening Preening is the activity that a bird conducts to keep his feathers in top condition. It consists of running feathers through their beaks from the base to the tip to straighten and clean them. Some birds have oil glands at the base of their tails, and will take some of this oil and run it through their feathers, creating a "sheen" and protectant that repels water instead of absorbing it. Preening is also a social activity; birds will preen one another to remove feather sheaths that they cannot reach by themselves. Birds may also attempt to "preen" their humans hair. Preening should not be confused with feather biting or plucking. A feather-biting bird will bite his feathers and snip them off at the base, close to the skin or directly at the feather follicle. A plucking bird will pull and pluck the feathers out completely. Plucked feathers will grow back more quickly than those that have been cut off at the base. Wing Drooping This is normal in younger chicks who have not yet learned how to hold and tuck their wings in. Likewise, birds who have just been bathed or misted may hold their wings down while drying. If neither of these situations is applicable, the bird may be overheated and attempting to cool itself, or may be feeling poorly. Drooping wings accompanied by sitting on the bottom of the cage is indicative of a sick bird. Wing Flipping This is a sharp, flicking movement of one or both wings and is usually indicative of annoyance or displeasure. Another cause of wing flipping could be that one of the feathers is out of place, and the bird is "flipping" the wing in an attempt to realign it before preening. In this case, holding the bird aloft on your hand and slowly dropping your hand a few inches will encourage the bird to flap its wings, and will assist in realigning the feather. Wing and Body Quivering Quivering wings usually indicate fear, nervousness, uncertainty, or distrust. Birds displaying this behavior should be spoken to softly with a reassuring tone of voice before attempting to initiate contact. A quivering of the entire body, and especially the abdomen where you can see the abdominal feathers shaking, is usually a normal attempt to adjust to a marked change in the temperature of the environment. Wing Drumming Wing drumming is wonderful exercise for birds. This activity is often observed when birds are released from their cages after a

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long period of confinement, or in the morning when first taken out of the cage. Often they will stand on the top of the cage at the front edge and drum their wings, sometimes so strongly that they elevate themselves a few inches or even take flight. In some species wing drumming is also a warning that the bird is protecting its territory. It is easily identifiable in Amazons and Cockatoos, and is sometimes accompanied by dilation of the pupils, head bobbing, and loud vocalizations. Cockatoos and other birds with a crest will also throw their crest feathers up while in display. These behaviors are usually brought on by attempts to attract a mate, or as a show of territoriality. Attempts to handle a bird displaying this behavior should be avoided as it will almost always result in a severe bite. Marching a Toward person or another bird with head down: Perching On one foot: Shows that a bird feels comfortable in his surroundings and secure in his environment. A secure bird will sleep with one foot tucked up to his abdomen and his head turned around and tucked into his back feathers. Crouch Stance A bird that is crouching with his head down and pointed forward, tail feathers flared, body feathers ruffled or "hackled", and exhibiting pupil dilation is one angry fellow! DO NOT approach a bird who is exhibiting this behavior, as it means, "I am big, mean, and mad; if you come any closer I will bite you! This behavior emulates "I will fight you to the death". Often seen in Amazons. Tail Bobbing Tail bobbing, in and of itself, is not necessarily a sign of sickness. Some birds bob their tails while they are talking or singing.

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Chapter 4 : Bird - Wikipedia

Lives of Birds has 11 ratings and 0 reviews. Describes hundreds of bird species from around the world, chronicles their lives, and examines their relation.

Share2 Shares We are familiar with many bird behaviors and lifestyles such as migration, foraging strategies and nesting. However, birds are among the most mysterious, highly evolved and yet primitive life forms on the planet. There are some with behaviors and abilities so bizarre, shocking, horrible or even human like that we will be astounded or disturbed as we realize how little we know about the evolved dinosaurs known as birds.

10 Bat Killing Chickadees Chickadees are diminutive yet intelligent garden songbirds smaller than a sparrow, with a cheerful, innocent appearance. However, one would be advised to reconsider these tiny birds. European Great Tits have been observed entering hollow trees and bludgeoning roosting bats to death before dragging them out to eat. This extreme predatory behavior is nothing short of incredible for a tiny, colorful European garden songbird, proving that many weird and creepy mysteries may be hidden behind the appearance of any apparently innocent little songbird.

Giant Right Whales that measure over 50 feet in length are being repeatedly targeted by increasing populations of Kelp Gull, a massive, fish eating species with ominous dark plumage. As the whales surface, the gulls have learned to swoop down and shear large pieces of flesh and blubber out of the whales, in a horror movie like scene. Chicks that were not completely satisfied with their parents hunting skills were running away from home in hopes of finding a better meal with the neighborhoods. The grass is always greener on the other side.

7 Lock up the Family Indian Hornbills are the old world evolutionary equivalents of Toucans, and resemble a cross between a woodpecker and the previously mentioned stork. While many female birds contribute substantially to the construction of a nest, these giant forest birds receive a little help from the male. After locating a suitable nest cavity, the female is sealed in by the male, who builds a barrier of mud, bird droppings and sticks. Only the bill of the female and the young can reach through to receive the frogs, mice and fruit brought by the male. This bizarre imprisonment lasts until the brood is ready to fledge, and is thought to provide protection against nest predators. This giant parrot is not just playing the part, it is the king of avian rock music. When a male Palm Cockatoo seeks a mate, he shears off a sizable branch with his massive hooked bill capable of shattering a broom handle, and then flies to a hollow nest tree. Holding his manufactured drumstick in his foot, the avian rock star beats the stick against the tree trunk, giving an impressive percussion performance and looking like he is auditioning for a position with The Misfits. The female soon arrives if she likes what she hears.

5 Mass Bird Crashes Jatinga is a village located on an Indian plateau, next to sizable cliffs. The town has become notorious among travel sources due to the frequent mass accidents where numbers of Asian birds including Tiger Herons, Pittas, Hawks and Egrets crash into the ground in a dramatically confused state. Although the cause of the bizarre phenomenon has never been fully determined, conservationists led by the famous naturalist E. Gee and Indian bird ornithologist Salim Ali initiated an expedition that resulted in many villagers being taught to help the downed birds. However, these 4 inch long residents of North American woodlots and gardens are in fact saboteurs with truly industrial capacity. Feeding mostly on insects, House Wrens are constantly hunting, defending territory, and.

Many male birds will chase away males of their species, but in the nesting season, male House Wrens become hell bent on not only chasing away, but in fact eradicating entire families of other birds. He will do this to any nest he can, all the while establishing several of his own nests, each with its own female. Whereas most birds do the deed in a hollowed out tree, on a branch, or out in the case of gulls, in public on a sandbar, swallow like relatives of Whip-poor Wills and Hummingbirds known as Swifts are dedicated members of the Mile High Club. Lacking effective perching skills, Swifts have mastered the air to the point where they can fly across a continent in 3 days, sleep on the wing, and yes, copulate. Swifts simply do not stop for sex, and after a spectacular, mile per hour display flight, the male and female swift rush together and complete the act belly to belly at an altitude of over 2, feet and faster than many

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small aircraft. Nesting in a tree, the bird does not want any of these potentially venomous creatures invading its nest. Therefore, the nuthatch painstakingly installs a ring of thick, toxic conifer resin around the edge of its nest, where it traps and kills any predator or pest that comes near. To avoid getting caught in its own booby trap, nuthatches are known to fly straight into their nests without stopping, as they apparently prefer to risk a crash than get captured by their pitch. Frogmouths resemble owls, but are in fact giant, awesome and rather creepy relatives of the Swifts previously mentioned. Frogmouths do not actively hunt, but rather they stand upright in a tree, perfectly resembling an old branch. When a small bird, frog, lizard or dragonfly approaches, the enormous gaping mouth expands open, quickly drawing in the hapless animal. Within a fraction of a second, the massive bill snaps shut with a loud click that can be heard meters away. The prey is then forced back and swallowed whole. Tawny Frogmouths do not actually do anything except remain invisible and snap shut like a Venus Flytrap, making them among the creepiest birds on Earth.

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Chapter 5 : Emu Bird Facts - Emu Bird Species - Emu Bird Ecology and Behaviour

Birds are found in all corners of the world and have a surprising variety of habits, habitats, and behaviors. Although thought by some to be living dinosaurs, they actually constitute one of the newer forms of life on the planet.

Neornithes Gadow, Birds, also known as Aves, are a group of endothermic vertebrates , characterised by feathers , toothless beaked jaws, the laying of hard-shelled eggs, a high metabolic rate, a four-chambered heart , and a strong yet lightweight skeleton. Birds have wings which are more or less developed depending on the species; the only known groups without wings are the extinct moa and elephant birds. Wings, which evolved from forelimbs , gave birds the ability to fly , although further evolution has led to the loss of flight in flightless birds , including ratites , penguins , and diverse endemic island species of birds. The digestive and respiratory systems of birds are also uniquely adapted for flight. Some bird species of aquatic environments, particularly seabirds and some waterbirds , have further evolved for swimming. Reverse genetic engineering [3] and the fossil record both demonstrate that birds are modern feathered dinosaurs , having evolved from earlier feathered dinosaurs within the theropod group, which are traditionally placed within the saurischian dinosaurs. The closest living relatives of birds are the crocodylians. Primitive bird-like dinosaurs that lie outside class Aves proper, in the broader group Avialae , have been found dating back to the mid- Jurassic period, around million years ago. But birds, especially those in the southern continents, survived this event and then migrated to other parts of the world while diversifying during periods of global cooling. Many species annually migrate great distances. Birds are social, communicating with visual signals, calls, and bird songs , and participating in such social behaviours as cooperative breeding and hunting, flocking , and mobbing of predators. The vast majority of bird species are socially monogamous referring to social living arrangement, distinct from genetic monogamy , usually for one breeding season at a time, sometimes for years, but rarely for life. Other species have breeding systems that are polygynous arrangement of one male with many females or, rarely, polyandrous arrangement of one female with many males. Birds produce offspring by laying eggs which are fertilised through sexual reproduction. They are usually laid in a nest and incubated by the parents. Most birds have an extended period of parental care after hatching. Some birds, such as hens , lay eggs even when not fertilised, though unfertilised eggs do not produce offspring. Many species of birds are economically important as food for human consumption and raw material in manufacturing, with domesticated and undomesticated birds poultry and game being important sources of eggs, meat, and feathers. Songbirds , parrots, and other species are popular as pets. Guano bird excrement is harvested for use as a fertiliser. Birds prominently figure throughout human culture. About 1000 species have become extinct due to human activity since the 17th century, and hundreds more before then. Human activity threatens about 1,200 bird species with extinction, though efforts are underway to protect them. Recreational birdwatching is an important part of the ecotourism industry.

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Chapter 6 : Shorebirds in Action: an Introduction to Waders and their Behaviour - BirdGuides

The Wonderful World of Birds: Visit with exotic live birds from the tropics. Learn about these feathered creatures and their natural environment through a variety of activities. Join us for an incredible look at these amazing animals.

Recent scientific research into chicken behavior confirms what many who have observed chickens closely for years have long known to be true: While intelligence level is not a morally relevant criteria for how we treat others, these findings can help us debunk long-standing prejudices and harmful stereotypes about chickens that contribute to their utterly abysmal status in our society. To be frank, we treat them like unfeeling and unthinking objects. One of the most striking discoveries we made in researching this subject is that the modern domesticated chicken, contrary to popular belief, has much in common with the wild jungle fowl from which he descends. When making decisions, the chicken takes into account its own prior experience and knowledge surrounding the situation. It can solve complex problems and empathizes with individuals that are in danger. Only then does the female express a mating preference. Another example Smith offers is how more submissive males in a flock use clever and deceptive strategies to court females while diverting attention away from the dominant male who would otherwise derail their plans. And this strategy often succeeds! Potts cites the example of chickens responding to calls indicating the presence of novel food but not so much to food calls about known food. The head rooster protects the territory the group inhabits, as well as the chicks and hens in the group. Groups are composed of more dominant hens who remain close to the head rooster as well as more submissive hens and roosters who keep closer to the periphery. Roosters display a number of courting rituals to attract mates. Hens are attracted to roosters based on both their physical and behavioral characteristics. The pecking order, once established, maintains order and stability within the group. Additionally, Smith identifies specific chicken behaviors that demonstrate their complex social world, including: Yet, birds have been shown to be remarkably intelligent in a similar way to mammals such as humans and monkeys. She discovered lateralization in the chick forebrain, when lateralization was still believed to be a unique feature of the human brain. Later it became known that hemispheric specialization is ubiquitous in the animal kingdom. Yet, as many animal ethicists and behavioral experts point out, there are problems with these comparisons that prevent us from a more authentic understanding of how chickens think and feel. A View of Cross-Species Comparisons. Willowite Animal Sanctuary Chicken Behavior and Emotions Emotional intelligence is yet another measure of cognition or awareness in animal minds. Science aside, most of us can easily identify emotions in animals we are close to like dogs or cats. But in the case of chicken behavior and emotions, science is proving popular opinion wrong. The research team believes this finding is of great importance since chickens in modern agriculture are routinely forced to witness pain, suffering and death of other flock mates. Chicken Behavior and Memory Those of us who observe chickens on a daily basis see their memory and recall in action in a wide variety of everyday situations. Recent science tell us that chickens recognize over individual faces even after several months of separation. They also confirm that chickens consider the future and practice self-restraint for the benefit of some later reward, something previously believed to be exclusive to humans and other primates. As stated earlier, chickens do not just learn through trial and error. Giorgio Vallortigara of the University of Trento, Italy, is widely recognized as a pioneer in chicken behavior and cognition research, specifically with newly hatched chicks. His work demonstrates how chicks are born with an understanding of basic arithmetic, geometry and physics, advanced problem-solving, and quick learning and retention. We found that indeed newly hatched chicks do possess surprisingly sophisticated abilities at birth, they know about basic principles of physics such as solidity , could perform basic arithmetic with small numerosness , they can deal with the geometry of enclosed surfaces to orient and navigateâ€. They look as miserable here as the ones stuck in the old cage system. Neuroscientist Lesley Rogers, author of Development of the Brain and Behaviour in the Chicken, argues that we are compelled to understand the cognitive abilities of chickens above all other birds because they are the most

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exploited and least respected avian species. Gallus is the most studied species in the world. Every biological feature was experimented on with the aim of rendering chickens more serviceable to humans. The birds in such studies are spared lives as agricultural commodities. And some researchers work to rehome animals to sanctuaries or to private individuals who will care for them as companions. Robert Grillo *Chicken Behavior Beyond Science* While science provides important empirical validation to our understanding of chicken behavior, anyone with an inquisitive mind and an interest in chickens can learn a great deal about them just by observing and interacting with them. In a short time, their individual personalities and rich life experiences are revealed. A future article will focus on learning about chicken behavior through sanctuaries. The following are print sources followed by key online sources used in this article.

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Chapter 7 : BBC - Earth - The wonderful world of bird beaks

Descriptions of the behavior of hundreds of bird species from around the globe, including all the stages of development and the delicate ecological connection between birds and humans.

A Christmas Island red crab on its migration Migration can take very different forms in different species, and as such there is no simple accepted definition of migration. It depends on some temporary inhibition of station keeping responses but promotes their eventual disinhibition and recurrence. Within a migratory species or even within a single population, often not all individuals migrate. Complete migration is when all individuals migrate, partial migration is when some individuals migrate while others do not, and differential migration is when the difference between migratory and non-migratory individuals is based on age or sex for example. Many aquatic animals make a Diel vertical migration , travelling a few hundred meters up and down the water column, [7] while some jellyfish make daily horizontal migrations, traveling a few hundred meters across a lake. Resource availability changes depending on seasonal fluctuations, which influence migration patterns. Pacific salmon is an example of a species migrating to reproduce. Every year pacific salmon travel upstream to mate and then return to the ocean. Many species, especially birds, migrate to warmer locations during the winter to escape poor environmental conditions. This clock serves to allow for the avians to determine when the appropriate time is to migrate and which site will allow the birds to regulate their metabolism to see if traveling by either land or water will serve as being most advantageous for these migrating species. This type of migration is often used in order to find food or mates. Tides can carry organisms horizontally and vertically for as little as a few nanometers to even thousands of kilometers. Organisms like crabs, nematodes, small fish, corals, and other species cycle to these areas as the tides rise and fall typically about every twelve hours. The cycle movements are associated with foraging of marine and bird species. Typically, during low tide smaller or younger species will emerge to forage because they can survive in the shallower water and have less chance of being preyed upon. During high tide, larger species can be found due to the deeper water and nutrient upwelling from the tidal movements. Tidal migration is often facilitated by Ocean current. These long-distance currents often bring organisms to breeding grounds and nurseries. Breeding ground often end up being near or in intertidal zones. This occurs due to the food and nutrient richness of these areas, it makes it an ideal place for offspring to grow. Although migration and animal dispersal are similar in that animals are moving from one less advantageous area to an area with more advantages, there are many differences between the two. In migration, an animal is moving under some form of a cycle or pattern, like seasonal, tidal, or even circadian. This can be seen in Sage sparrows, who move on a seasonal bases with the help of environmental triggers. The organism may look at many places before picking a home. This ability to disperse is seen for many reasons, like social status or sex. A study by the Journal of Avian Biology found that the female bird will disperse, which is different from mammals where the male will disperse. In specific groups[edit] Flocks of birds assembling before migration southwards Different kinds of animal migrate in different ways. Fish migration Many species of salmon migrate up rivers to spawn Most fish species are relatively limited in their movements, remaining in a single geographical area and making short migrations for wintering, to spawn, or to feed. A few hundred species migrate long distances, in some cases of thousands of kilometres. Insect migration and Lepidoptera migration An aggregation of migratory Pantala flavescens dragonflies, known as globe skimmers, in Coorg , India Some winged insects such as locusts and certain butterflies and dragonflies with strong flight migrate long distances. Among the dragonflies, species of Libellula and Sympetrum are known for mass migration, while Pantala flavescens , known as the globe skimmer or wandering glider dragonfly, makes the longest ocean crossing of any insect, between India and Africa. Instead the butterflies mate and reproduce on the journey, and successive generations travel the next stage of the migration.

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Chapter 8 : Pelican - Wikipedia

Though a few years old, this book is a wonderful explanation of everything avian. A mixture of behavior, ecology and physiology, The Lives of Birds integrates these disciplines seamlessly and in an enjoyable way.

They can be used for grooming, fighting, courtship display, feeding young, nest-building, manipulating objects and even regulating temperature. All in all, beaks are quite the multifunctional tool. But it is not just for show, this multi-purpose appendage can be used to collect and skin fruit, frighten predators, attract mates and defend territory. Recent research has also shown that it also helps to keep the bird cool in the heat of the tropical day. Anna took this superb example just after the toucan had been happily chasing butterflies. Oriental pied hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris* by Chan Boon Hong View image of The oriental pied hornbill has a casque on the top of the beak credit: Chan Boon Hong It would be difficult to miss this mighty beak, which has to be supported by powerful muscles and fused vertebrae. It is used to catch prey, fight and preen. However, the most recognisable feature of most hornbills is the hollow structure along the top of the bill, called a casque. This reinforces the beak and may be used by males to fight, attract females and resonate sound. Chan photographed this Oriental pied hornbill in Singapore when it perched just 5m away from him. Claudia Daniels The wicked-looking beak of the bald eagle is typical for a bird of prey: These beaks can also pierce and remove fur and feathers from prey. Sword-billed hummingbird *Ensifera ensifera* by Richard Orr View image of Getting nectar from deep flowers is no problem for sword-billed hummingbirds Credit: It is a nice example of co-evolution. Richard photographed this individual on a foggy day in the Reserva Yanacocha, Ecuador. Dalmatian pelican *Pelecanus crispus* by Christian Brysch View image of The enormous pouch of the Dalmatian pelican acts like a net credit: Christian Brysch There are big beaks and then there are pelican beaks. Pelican feed almost entirely on fish that they scoop out of the water into the enormous throat pouch – the water is then drained out and the fish swallowed. The hook at the end of the top mandible is used to spear fish, which are tossed into the air before being swallowed. This Dalmatian pelican was captured by Christian Brysch at Lake Kerkini in Greece when it landed on the edge of a fishing boat. American flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber* by Steven Reynolds View image of Flamingos filter feed with their head upside down in water credit: Unlike most birds flamingos filter feed, in a similar manner to whales. Red-necked avocet *Recurvirostra novaehollandiae* by Heather Thorning View image of Red-necked avocets sweep their long, slender and curved beaks from side to side Credit: Heather Thorning All four species of avocet have peculiarly shaped beaks that are long, thin and curve upwards. They sweep these slender bills from side to side, skimming mud and surface water. This action stirs up small invertebrates and the birds then use their beaks like tweezers to pick out individual prey. This red-necked avocet was photographed by Heather feeding in a waterhole in Western Australia, a popular location for waders. Southern yellow-billed hornbill *Tockus leucomelas* by Rob Weaver View image of The formidable-looking beak of the yellow-billed hornbill is used to forage for seeds Credit: Rob Weaver The formidable-looking, heavy beak of this hornbill is used to forage for seeds, small insects and spiders on the ground. The birds then jerk their head to toss the food to the back of the throat. In this species, the casque on the top mandible is not as obvious as in many other hornbills, such as the Oriental pied hornbill above. Rob captured this one on Canon 40D camera in Botswana in February They wade through shallow water, stirring up mud and debris, swinging the partly open beak from side to side through the water. When the long, flat, spatulate bill touches prey it snaps shut, before the prey is pulled from the water and swallowed. This feeding behaviour was beautifully captured by Mohammed in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Black skimmer *Rynchops niger* by Jerry Swain View image of The larger lower mandible of black skimmers skim for fish in shallow water Credit: Jerry Swain The large and unequal red and black beaks of the skimmers are both unusual and unique. The skimmers fish by dragging, or skimming, the longer lower mandible through the water as they fly low and fast over the surface of shallow water. The lower mandible snaps shut on any small fish that are caught. There are three species of skimmer. This black skimmer, on the

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beach at Fort Pierce, Florida was taken by Jerry Swain who was initially looking for an oystercatcher: Tony Varela Photography Crossbills have one of the most peculiar and specialised beaks in the bird world. The crossed bill tips may look odd, but it is in fact a clever adaptation to getting seeds out of closed pine cones. The bird inserts the tips of its bill under a cone scale and bites down. The result is that the scale is prised open, exposing the seed. Eve Boulanger-Grondin Pelicans have some of the longest beaks in the avian world, with sizes approaching half a metre in length. Acting like a net, a pouch can hold up to 13 litres of water. When not feeding, the enormous pouches are folded and can be quite colourful, particularly during the breeding season. Eve took this photograph on a trip to a water park in Bali, Indonesia. Long-billed curlew *Numenius americanus* by Mick Thompson View image of A long slender bill makes probing for worms easy for a curlew credit: The remarkably long and slender beak curves downward and is the perfect adaptation for probing mudflats, and very soft ground, for worms and other invertebrates. The beak can measure 20 cm or more in length. This fine example of a long-billed curlew was taken after sunrise by Mick in wetlands where the San Diego River empties into the Pacific, just a few miles from downtown San Diego, California. Jim Cumming The large showy beaks of aracaris, like all toucans, look very heavy and not suitable for flight. They are, in fact, extremely thin and aerodynamic, re-inforced with a crisscross of lightweight rods made of bone. The widely spaced tooth-like protrusions on the upper mandible of the collared aracari help them catch and grasp fruit. This image was taken by Jim in Costa Rica. Thank you to all the photographers who gave BBC Earth permission use their images.

Chapter 9 : Lives of Birds: Birds of the World and Their Behavior by Lester L. Short

Many male birds will chase away males of their species, but in the nesting season, male House Wrens become hell bent on not only chasing away, but in fact eradicating entire families of other birds. Sneaking up to a bluebird, finch or swallow nest, the "evil" House Wren male pierces the eggs, and then proceeds to trash the nest site.