

If Hummingbirds Had Ostrich Legs

An activity of "Creating a home for birds from around the world".

Read the article "Creating a home for birds from around the world" (page 22-23, *What's Up* August 2024). From the article, you can see that the hummingbird and ostrich have features that help them specially adapt to their habitats.

1. Watch the following videos to discover more ways in which birds have specially adapted to their environment.

Bird Feeding Adaptations: How Beaks are Adapted to What Birds Eat

➤ <https://youtu.be/IFZ8NMBDCJw?si=sl3qqZvVQQ1vzQzF>

(Naturalistoutreach, June 4, 2013)

Feet and claws of birds - Different types and adaptations

➤ <https://youtu.be/NjVNq10QdBo?si=-Q92EfvApFut4W4E>

(Indian Bird Videos, Oct 23, 2022)

2. Pick any three birds and identify for each a feature that helps it to adapt well to its habitat.

Bird Species	Feature	How the feature helps the bird to adapt well to its habitat
<i>e.g. sparrow</i>	<i>Perching feet, characterised by three toes that face front and one that faces back.</i>	<i>They help the bird to grasp branches while it forages for food.</i>
a)		
b)		
c)		

3. The graphic poster on Page 2 shows different birds and bird parts. Cut out the birds and bird parts. Mix them up to create new imaginary birds. Paste one of your creations in the second graphic. Give it a name. Describe how the bird is adapted to its habitat.
4. Write a short poem about your new bird. Here are some tips:
 - Title: Give your poem a creative title.
 - Stanza 1: Introduce your bird. Describe its special features.
 - Stanza 2: Describe the bird's daily life.
 - Stanza 3: Describe the challenges it faces and how it adapts to survive.

