The ostrich is perhaps the fastest bird. Though it is a bird, it cannot fly. When an ostrich starts running, the distance between its two steps is about ten feet. It can run with eighty kilometers per hour. Perhaps it is second to chital only. Its eyesight is so keen that it can spot an enemy at ten kilometers. If the ostrich is cornered, it can give such a kick that even a tiger may collapse. In Kenya one ostrich mother fought with a lioness to save her chickens, forcing the mighty lioness to flee away. The Ostrich is a master in the art of camouflage. With its head and neck flex on the ground, it curds its body into a ball that looks like a bush, rock or an ant heap. The female sits on her eggs in the day time and the male takes over at high.

Though on ostrich is a bird, it cannot fly. It took odd. The ostrich has survived for eight hundred million years in the hostile struggle for life. Once upon a time the ostriches travelled through Egypt to India. The kings of Egypt revered the ostrich very much. The ostrich feather is a symbol of truth and justice. One the Pharaohs, the Egyptian kings, were allowed to wear ostrich feathers in their headgears. Thousands of ostriches were slaughtered for their costly, valuable feathers. Some formers domesticated them; today ostrich farming is a booming business.