

# Ornithology - Day 9

1. How do flightless birds like ostriches avoid predation?

- A) by secreting feather toxins
- B) burying its head in the sand
- C) by running away

2. What extinct bird is thought to be the heaviest bird of all time?

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3. Why did moa and elephant birds not develop high speed running?

- A) they were herbivores and did not need to run and catch prey
- B) they lived on islands where there were no large predators to chase them
- C) they had perching feet and could not evolve large foot pads
- D) they weighed too much

4. What are some modern birds that are Anseriformes? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What are some modern birds that are Galliformes? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What unusual adaptation do some Galliformes have?

- A) raised raptorial claws
- B) insulating feathers
- C) insect probing
- D) wing assisted incline running (WAIR)

7. What are some modern birds belonging to Columbea? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What peculiar feature do juvenile hoatzin (or stink birds) have that helps them climb trees?

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9. Aside from long legs, which of the following traits do many Cursorimorphae share?

- A) padded feet
- B) gripping feet
- C) wide spreading toes
- D) insulated feet

## Answers

1. C
2. the elephant bird
3. B
4. ducks, geese, swans, water fowl
5. chickens, turkeys, peafowl, quail, and game birds
6. D
7. pigeons, doves, and grouses, flamingos, grebes, and dodos
8. they have clawed hands/claws on their wings
9. B