



EMU

THE BASICS:

- MALE : male emu
- HEN : female emu
- CHICK : baby emu
- INCUBATION PERIOD : 52 days
- AVERAGE SIZE: 5-6 feet tall
- AVERAGE NEST SIZE: As many as can fit under the male.
- The male emu is the one who sits on the eggs during the incubation period.

THE EXTRAS:

- Emus are part of the RATITE, or flightless bird, family. Cousins of ostrich, rhea and kiwi.
- Emus are very hardy birds and can thrive in environments ranging from the hot desert to below freezing.
- Emus are most widely known for their unique oil and low-fat, iron packed red meat. Similar in taste and texture to lean beef.
- Emus lay eggs in late fall, November and December. The male emu will sit on the eggs during the coldest part of the year. The male will not leave the nest, even for food, until the eggs hatch in spring.
- Emu can run up to 40 miles per hour. They have a life span of 30 years.
- When emu chicks are born they are approximately 10 inches tall and can walk the same day.
- Emu are native to Australia.

OUR EMU:

- We have three female emus and one male. SweatPea is the oldest. Nellie, Olivia and Rolf were born in April 2012.