

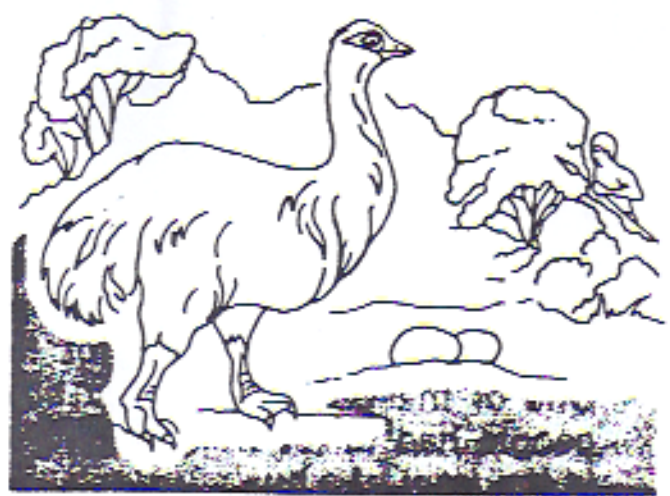
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# What was the elephant bird?

- 1 Stories about the giant elephant bird have been told for years. Many people never believed them.
- 2 That changed about 100 years ago. People found a giant egg on an island. The egg was more than a foot long. It was big enough to hold two gallons of water. People also found giant bird bones on the island. The bones were put together. At last people could picture what the giant bird had looked like.



- 3 The elephant bird was bigger than a person. It was about nine feet tall. The bird stood on two heavy legs. Its long neck ended in a small head. And its wings were tiny. The huge bird could not fly.
- 4 The elephant bird was the biggest bird that ever lived on earth. No one knows why it died out. The elephant bird is also called "The Bird No One Has Ever Seen." But the bones and the egg show that this mighty bird once lived in our world.

Mark the circle (○) beside the right answer.

1. The elephant bird was about \_\_\_\_\_ feet tall.  
 two                       six                       nine                       ten
2. Which word in paragraph 2 means land with water all around it?  
 egg                       island                       foot                       bird
3. The story tells about the elephant bird's \_\_\_\_\_.  
 feathers                       egg                       food                       song
- 4: Which paragraph gives another name for the elephant bird?  
 1                       2                       3                       4
5. ENDED is the opposite of **BEGAN**. Found is the opposite of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 lost                       told                       put                       looked
6. The elephant bird was a real bird.                       True                       False  
The elephant bird could fly.                       True                       False
7. The story does not say, but we can decide that \_\_\_\_\_.  
 all islands have giant birds                       the birds were not meant to fly