



## Craft Activity

**Theme:** Australian Animal – Emu

**Intro:** Emus are a native Australian animal. They are the largest bird in Australia and the second largest bird on the planet after the ostrich. Today, you can make an emu at craft time and learn more about emus during the session. Learn more about Emus at Playgroup today.

**Craft activity:** Paper Plate Emus

**Children will need:** Cardboard (we used the card from a cereal box and traced around a plate, cut it out and then cut it in half) or use paper plates cut in ½, leaves, 3 x 15cm pieces of pipe cleaners, pencil, texta, milk bottle lid, glue, scissors, and sticky tape.

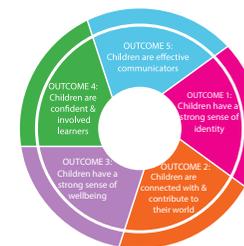
\*\* Note: Avoid using boxes that have contained cereal with nuts in due to possible allergies.

**Instructions:** Make an emu head by tracing around the milk bottle lid onto cardboard and cut it out. Tape to the half circle 2 pipe cleaner pieces for legs and tape one on for the neck then tape on the head. Draw on 2 eyes and a beak or cut out a triangle beak from cardboard and glue on. Use glue to stick some leaves on the body.

### Extension ideas:

Have children go outside to find some leaves (and feathers) to use to decorate their emu.

**Fact:** Emus cannot walk backwards.



**Learning Outcome 2:** Children are connected with and contribute to their world.



## Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

### Sensory activity: Cinnamon Playdough & feathers

**You will need:** Cinnamon Playdough & feathers

**Instructions:** Make Playdough

#### Ingredients:

Plain Flour	1 Cup
Salt	1/2 Cup
Cream of Tartar	1 Tablespoon
Cooking Oil	1 Tablespoon
Boiling Water	1 Cup
Food Colouring	1/2 - 1 Teaspoon
Cinnamon	1 tablespoon

#### Directions:

- Mix together dry ingredients
- Mix food colouring and oil into water and slowly add to dry ingredients until dough forms
- Knead until smooth and stretchy
- Store in an air tight container in the fridge
- Add flavour essence, glitter or herbs for variation!

**Add:** feathers, matchsticks or small twigs.

Children can make emus using the playdough, matchsticks and feathers.



### Outside activity: Walk like an Emu.

Have fun walking around like emus! Make a beak with one hand and hold it up high above your head. Use your other hand as a tail and rest it at the base of your back. Walk stretching out your legs as you go. You can also try pecking at the ground. Can you pick up any leaves with your beak?

### Group time ideas:

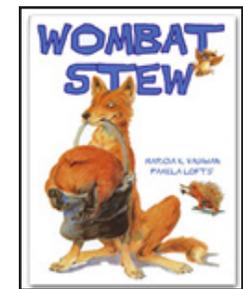
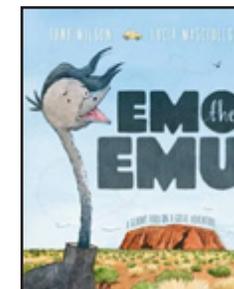
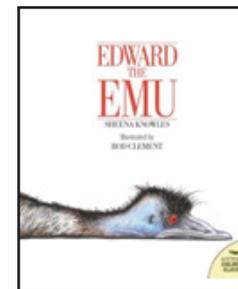
- Reflect on the session:
- Has anyone seen a real emu before?
- Do you know that emus cannot walk backwards?
- Did anyone try walking like an emu today?
- Was it easy or hard to do?
- Who made an emu at the craft table today?
- Who smelt the playdough today?
- What did it smell like?
- Did you make any playdough emus?

### Book Suggestion:

Emo the Emu by Lucia Masciullo

Edward the Emu by Sheena Knowles

Wombat Stew by Marcia K Vaughan





## Move like an Emu by Greg Page (The Wiggles)

Move like an emu, move.

Move like an emu, move.

Put your hand up in the air just like an emu.

Make a beak to peck everywhere.

Peck everywhere that's what we do

When we move like an emu, move.

Move like an emu, move.

Stretch out your long legs.

Scratch with your feet.

Fluff out your feathers.

Beak goes up, beak goes down,

Beak goes pecking all around.

Shake your wings and run around. Uh-huh-huh!

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Make a beak to peck everywhere.

Peck everywhere that's what we do

When we move like an emu, move.

Move like an emu, move.

I say move, I say move.

I say move, I say move.