

Emu

The emu is a very  
large bird. It is more  
than 5 feet tall and  
can weigh more than

100 pounds. The only  
bird taller than the  
emu is the ostrich.

Emus live in Australia.

Their bodies are

usually a shade of

brown, and their head

and neck are shades

of blue-gray. Emus

cannot fly, but they

can run very fast. If

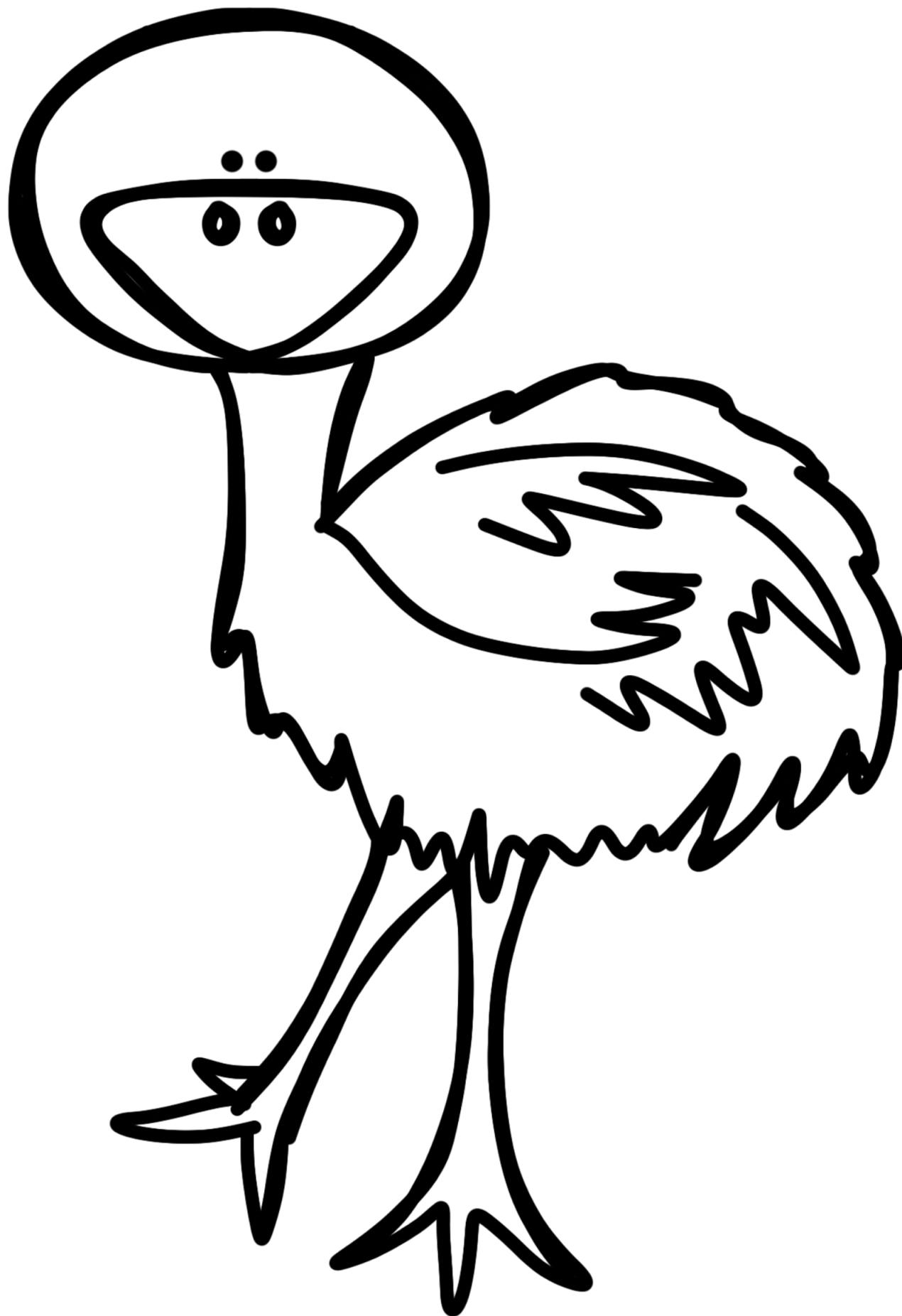
they have to, they

can run almost 30

miles per hour. They  
are also able to see  
very well.

Emus have long legs  
and large feet with  
three toes on each  
foot. Emu eggs are  
dark green and take  
about 60 days to  
hatch. Emus like to  
eat fruit and insects,  
but sometimes they

can get into  
someone's crops and  
cause damage. Emus  
live in different kinds  
of habitats but they  
don't like places that  
are very wet, like  
tropical forests. They  
love dry places like  
savannas,  
grasslands, and some  
forests.





Koala

The koala of Australia  
is often called a  
bear, but it is not  
really a bear. It is a

marsupial. A  
marsupial is an animal  
that carries its babies  
in a pouch. Baby  
koalas are called  
joeys. Some koalas  
are between 2 and 3  
feet long and can  
weigh as much as 31  
pounds, but other  
ones are only about  
half that size. They  
are a gray color,

except for a few  
places where they are  
pale yellow color.

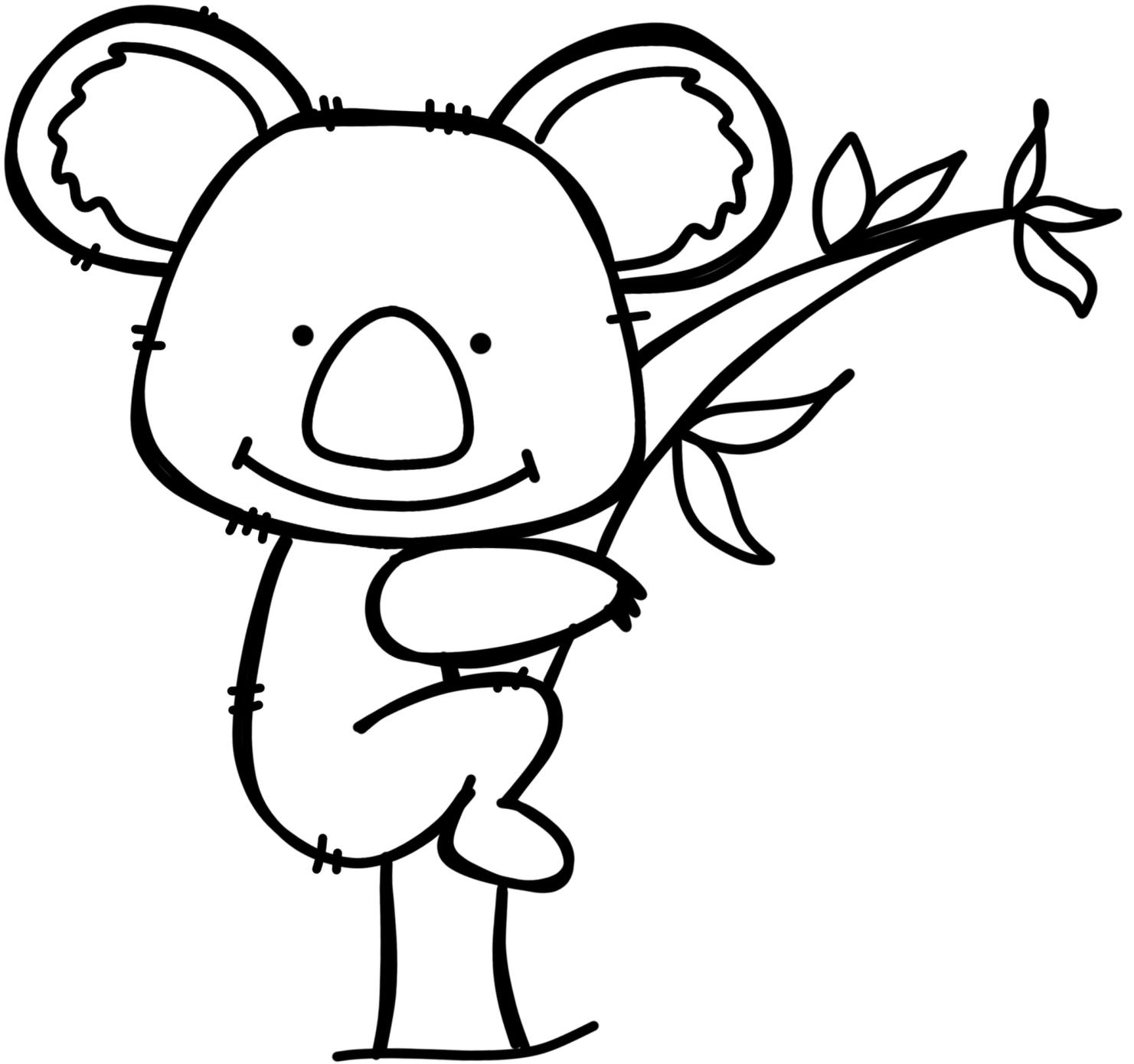
Koalas don't have  
tails, but they have  
strong feet with claws  
that help them hold  
on to trees for  
climbing and resting.

Koalas live in forests  
and woodlands where  
there are a lot of

eucalyptus trees. They  
only eat leaves from  
certain kinds of  
eucalyptus trees.

Since there are not  
many nutrients in  
what koalas eat, they  
don't have a lot of  
energy. They spend  
lots of time just  
sitting or sleeping in  
the trees.

Koalas like to be out  
mostly at night. They  
can live about 15  
years in the wild.





Kookaburra

The kookaburra is an  
Australian bird that is  
often called the  
laughing kookaburra

because they call it  
makes sounds like  
different kinds of  
laughing! This type of  
kookaburra is plain-  
colored, mostly brown  
and beige or white. It  
looks like it has a  
mask over its eyes. It  
is about 17 to 18  
inches long and has a  
beak that is 3 to 4  
inches long and very

heavy. The native  
habitats of the  
laughing kookaburra  
are the woodlands  
and open forests of  
Australia.

When the kookaburra  
hatches its eggs, the  
young often stay with  
the parents and help  
to raise the next  
babies that are

hatched. The laughing  
kookaburra is part of  
the kingfisher family,  
but while most  
kingfishers like to eat  
fish, the laughing  
kookaburra almost  
never eats fish. The  
kookaburra likes to  
eat small animals. It  
also eats poisonous  
snakes, making it a  
good bird to have

around. Kookaburras  
sometimes live in  
areas where people  
live and can cause  
problems there  
because they eat  
small farm animals  
like chickens and  
ducks.

