



LISTEN UP!



Pups love playtime!

Black-backed jackal

We spot a large fox-like creature zig-zagging through the long grass on the hunt for food. "Black-backed jackals are omnivores, meaning that they'll eat pretty much anything they can get their paws on," our guide Otto tells us. "They pounce on insects, lizards, rodents and can even hunt in groups to bring down bigger prey, such as impalas." These jackals are also scavengers and love to eat birds' eggs, carrion (decaying flesh) and washed-up sea creatures. "Sometimes they even eat grass to help with their digestion," Otto says. Wonder if they'd eat sprouts?!

Huge ears help jackals listen out for prey

Black-backed jackal pups are born blind and only start to see after 8-10 days.



WHO ARE YOU CALLING A PIN HEAD?



Ostrich

An enormous flightless bird makes its way across the grassy plain, its thick snake-like neck supporting a teeny head. It's an ostrich, of course, the world's largest bird! The hefty creature takes huge 5-m strides with its long slender legs – the only pins in the animal kingdom to contain four kneecaps. Weird!

Ostriches are also the fastest animals on two legs, reaching top speeds of over 70kmph! The record-breaking creatures lay the largest eggs of all the birds, too – check these whoppers out!



Ostrich eggs are 24 times bigger than chickens'!



Ostriches can grow up to 2.8m in height and weigh 160kg – that's as heavy as two washing machines!

NG KIDS travelled to Namibia with Natural World Safaris (naturalworldsafaris.com), who offer an eight-day Namibia Coast to Cats Private Guided Safari from £8,770 for a family of four. Price includes two rooms at each accommodation, a custom 4x4 vehicle with private driver-guide accompanying throughout, selected activities such as a catamaran cruise in Walvis Bay and private game drives in Etosha National Park. Fly with South African Airways from London Heathrow to Windhoek, via Johannesburg from £650 per person. Find out more at flysaa.com. For info about Namibia, visit travelnamibia.co.uk