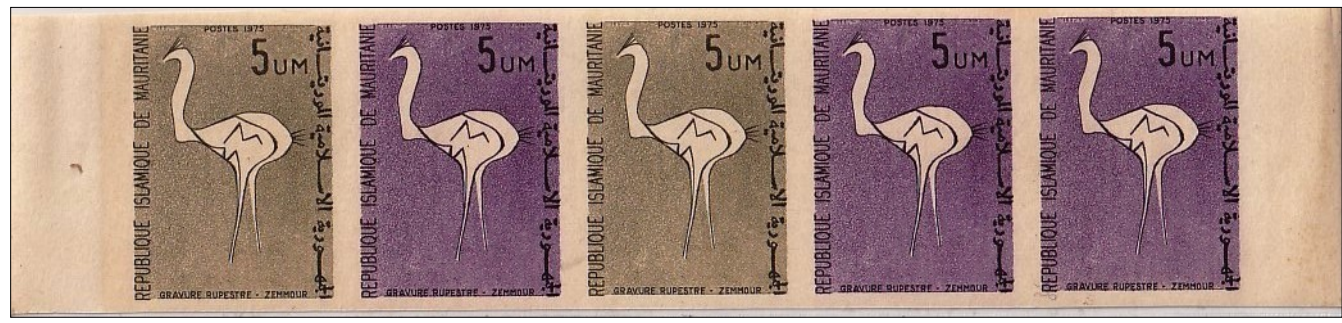


THE OSTRICH

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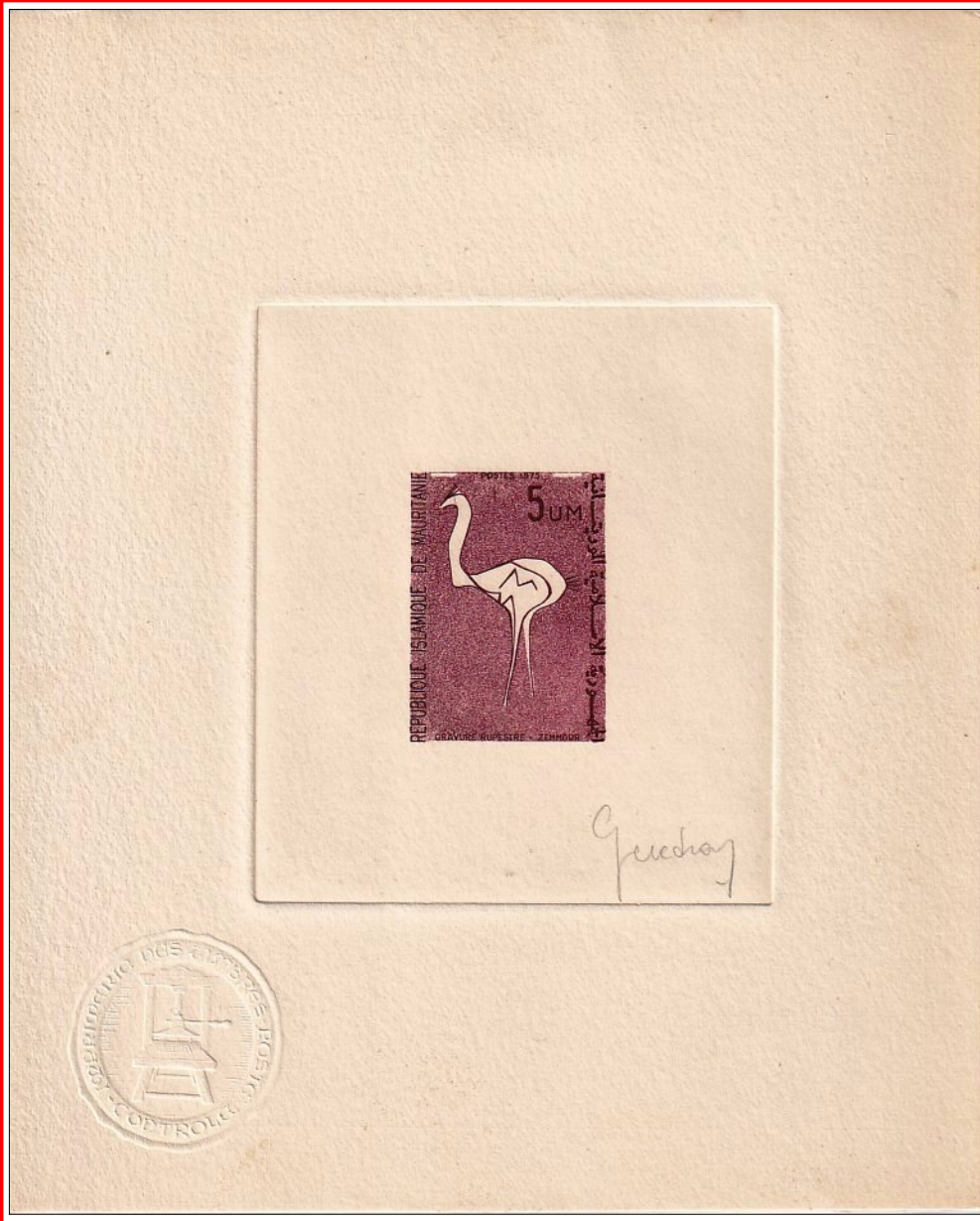


Ostriches are the fast runners of any birds or other two-legged animal and can sprint at over 70 km/hr, Ostriches can go without drinking for several days, using metabolic water .

The flightless ostrich is the world's largest bird. **Ostriches have three stomachs.** Unlike all other living birds, the ostrich secretes urine separately from faeces. Ostriches' running is aided by having just two toes on each foot (most birds have four), with the large nail on the larger, inner toe resembling a hoof and is a vicious kicker. The ostrich has the largest eye of any land animal, measuring almost 5 cm across, allowing predators such as lions to be seen at long distances. Despite popular misconception, **ostriches do not stick their heads in the sand.** This myth originated in ancient Rome and is so pervasive that it's used as a common metaphor for someone avoiding their problems.



1996. WWF, Chad Ostrich Sunken Deluxe Sheet, Engraver Rothschild



1975. Mauritania. Ostrich, Cave art . Die proof signed in black by the engraver GUEDRON



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