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n. pl. **ostrich** or **os·trich·es**

1.

a. Either of two large, swift-running flightless birds (*Struthio camelus* or *S. molybdophanes*) of Africa, characterized by a long bare neck, small head, and two-toed feet. Ostriches are the largest living birds.

b. A rhea.

2. One who tries to avoid disagreeable situations by refusing to face them.

[Middle English, from Old French *ostrusce*, *ostrice* and Medieval Latin *ostrica*, both from Vulgar Latin **avis strūthiō* : Latin *avis*, bird; see **awi-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Late Latin *strūthiō*, ostrich; see [STRUTHIOUS](#).]



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ostrich

male ostrich, *Struthio camelus*,
guarding a nest

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