

Do You Know the Dodo?

He was so **BIG**, and so . . . s – l – o – w.

He could not fly,

and that is why -

he could not fly,

and that is how

the bird is so extinct right now.

Discovered in Maur-i-ti-us (4 syllables)

a cousin of the **dove**, he was;

ate gizzard **stones** to grind his food -

an awkward **bird**, that **Dodo** **dude**.

Not fearing man, a **bird** not wise -

so quickly was its **sad demise**.

People, like in times today,

Discovered the Dodo's awkward ways.

Yet, just one look and you will see,

a **bird that will delight-eth thee!**

THE END



Did You Know?

- Mauritius is an island off the coast of the Indian Ocean (*the Indian Ocean touches Africa, Asia, and Australia*).
- The Dodo went extinct 300 years ago and only 65 years after human explorers landed on the island.
- It went extinct by being eaten by people and their dogs, cats, and pigs.
- The Dodo was about size of a turkey
- It ate crabs, fruit, roots, nuts, and seeds
- The last Dodo seen was in 1662
- "Dead as a Dodo" means "as extinct as the Dodo"
- Some other Mauritius animals gone extinct are: the Mauritius Duck, Giant Skink, Flying Fox, the Mauritius Raven Parrot, Mauritius Owl, Mauritius Geese, Mauritius Tortoises, Mauritius Wood Pigeon, Mauritius Turtle Dove, and the Mauritius Night Heron.

