

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.

True False Quiz

Answers are in the Story and Did You Know.

Circle the right answer.

1. T F The Dodo bird was big and slow.

2. T F The Dodo is 'extinct' today.

3. T F 'Extinct' means that 'there are a lot of Dodo's alive today.

4. T F The Dodo was a good flyer.

5. T F Mauritius is an island off the coast of the Indian Ocean.

6. T F The Dodo was the size of a turkey.

7. T F The last Dodo was seen in 1962.

8. T F It's OK to call someone a Dodo.

9. T F Another extinct animal from Mauritius is the Giant Skink.

10. T F The word Maur - i- ti – us has 4 syllables.

