## 3. Extreme Families

**3.5 Most eggs in its nest Geographical Distribution** – Sub Saharan Africa

Common Ostrich (Struthio camelus)

Attribute - Forms Long term pair bonds and pays a heavy price if they break

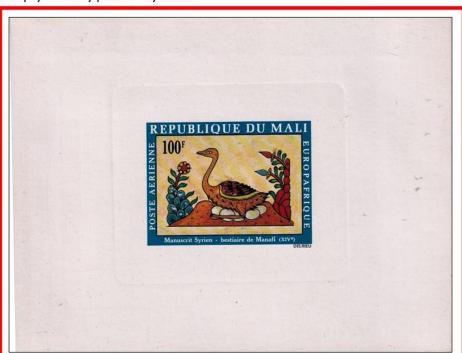
Each ostrich nest is tended by the territory holding a male and female, called as major hen. Being first one to lay eggs she lays about 8-10 eggs. Meanwhile other females are invited to lay eggs in the same nest too.

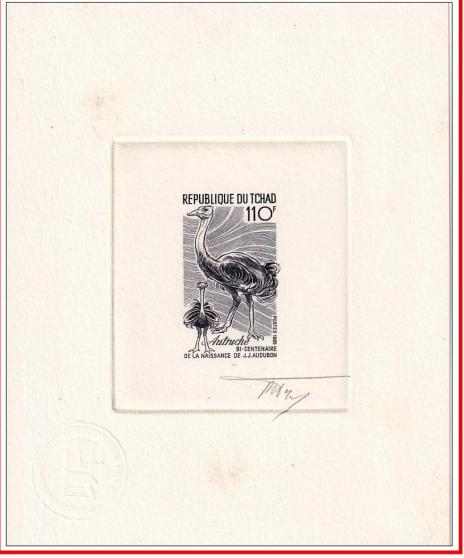


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These secondary females are called minor hens mates promiscuously with local other males. Some nests hold 20-25 eggs, and the world record is mind boggling 78.

Although they are contributed by one major

hen and several other minor hens.

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