



# BADMINTON EQUIPMENT

## Birds:

**Badminton** can firmly state its claim to be the **fastest** racket sports, with **smashes** reaching speeds of up to 332 kph (206mph) set by Chinese men's doubles badminton star Fu Haifeng of China. June 3, 2005 in the Sudirman Cup in Beijing. But Malaysia Badminton star Tan Boon Heong unofficially smashed a speed record of 493kmph (306mph) in a special experiment.



Called a shuttlecock or "bird," the cork is covered with goat skin, and 16 goose feathers are attached at one end. It weighs just less than one-fifth of an ounce.

The racket is made from aluminum, graphite or carbon fiber.

**Weight:**  
2-3.5 oz  
**Length:**  
27 inches

## Racket:

Loaners available in the Club Locker

## Shoes:

Any low cut or court rubber shoes are acceptable.

**Gum soles** are preferred for maximum traction & safety. Please avoid thick soles prevent injuries! ☹

