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woodland birds



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TALE OF THE SWIFT PARROT


 are among the oldest living things on  and  have been making their homes in the trunks of  and feeding on the  long before people even existed. It was a quiet and peaceful  before people came along.







People have grown a very different  to most other species and have changed the face of  with a lot of digging things up and tearing things down. When people started clearing away the  other species must have thought an  had landed. The human  just couldn't understand how their actions were affecting other life forms.


Now the  and many other birds may vanish from  forever. There are only 2000  left! They could become extinct BUT you can help them survive. In this book you will learn about this awesome speed racing bird and the hazards they face.

 raise their chicks in  and every March they fly all

the way to mainland Australia to feed on the  of eucalypt  and tiny bugs, called  , that grow on the leaves of eucalypt  . In October they fly back again to nest in old  with hollows and feed in blue gum  . That's a flight of 5000 km! Crossing the Bass Strait Sea is a wild journey for these parrots but they are called Swift because they fly so fast!

 might be only 4 months old when they make this flight, and some have to fly through cities and towns.

Cities are  to them and sometimes they crash into windows or fences and die. But the biggest hazard is the loss of  .  need more  !  will save the  from extinction!

Learn more about what  to plant where and plant some today, it's fun and you could help save the BIRDS and all sorts of other animals too!

Legend



swift parrot



alien



planet earth



trees



lerps



nectar flower



chicks



brain



tasmania

THE SWIFT PARROT NEEDS YOUR HELP...

FIND THE **SOLUTIONS** TO THESE THREATS AND THEN WRITE THEM IN THE SPACES PROVIDED.....



SOLUTION

SOLUTION



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BIRD WATCHING TIPS

LISTEN

Walk quietly, stop and **listen**. **Turn** to where you hear a call. **Watch** for movement in the trees.

LOOK

Shape: every group of birds has a special shape; compare parrots, ducks, honeyeaters and wrens.

Size: how long is its tail, neck or legs? Is it bigger or smaller than a bird you know?

Colour: look for patterns like spots, stripes and patches, especially under wings or tail.

Behaviour: look for tail wagging, perching and pouncing, hanging upside down and flying style.

Habitat: where was the bird; feeding on the ground, high in the trees or flitting around the bushes?

TAKE

Binoculars help you see birds more clearly but get someone to show you how to focus them.

A note book and pencil to record what you see and to sketch birds you don't know. This helps you to identify them later.

GO TO

birdsinyards.net to find out more about the birds you have seen.



MUSK LORIKEET



SWIFT PARROT



PURPLE-CROWNED LORIKEET



LITTLE LORIKEET

Swift PARROT

Look-A-Likes KEY



It's easy to tell birds apart if you look closely at how they are coloured.

Use the key below to **COLOUR BY NUMBERS** and see how 4 small green birds can actually look so different!

If you want to give this game to your friends or enter the **COLOURING COMPETITION** you can print out this page online. Just follow **THE WING THING** link at

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BOARD GAME

Crossing the wild Bass Strait Sea, finding enough food to eat and empty hollows to nest in are the main concern for this speed racing bird. It's a dangerous journey to make but not impossible!

to play

Throw a dice to move across the board. you can move in any direction once on the main land, but you must start in Tasmania and score 100 points before trying to land at the end; which is the woodlands in Victoria or New South Wales. You must roll the exact number to land on the woodlands or bounce back out to try again. Keep counting as you can not enter the woodlands without 100 points.

you will need a dice & some counters, a pencil and note book. Keep track of your score by writing it down.

KEY:

- + 5
- + 20
- 10
- 5
- 20
- + 15
- 25
- 10
- + 25
- 5
- 15



bass strait

start

- 15

EATING AND SLEEPING IN THE WOODLANDS

MISTLETOE BERRIES

SPIDERS

ANTS

FLYING INSECTS

NECTAR FLOWER

LEPS

TUSsock GRASS

GROUND INSECTS

LEAF LITTER

SEEDS

MANNAN

SHEOAK

ACACIA


WATTLE





meet the WOODLAND BIRDS

	REGENT HONEYEATER				'TINK TINK-TINK'
	BUSH STONE CURLEW				'WEER-LOO'
	FORTY-SPOTTED PARDALOTE				'where... where... where... where...'
	JACKY WINTER				'peter-peter -Peter'
	PAINTED HONEYEATER				'GEORGE-GEORGE'
	SPECKLED WARBLER				
	BROWN TREECREEPER				'pink pink!'
	HOODED ROBIN				'KWEE-KWU- KWU-KWU'
	DIAMOND FIRETAIL				'twooo-heee'

CREATE HABITAT FOR THESE 4 BIRDS BY DRAWING THE TREES & FOOD THEY NEED TO STAY ALIVE

	
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WORD SEARCH

B L U E G U M T R E E S G S R
A B I R D N A P P I N G H A C
S P I R A L I N G G A L A X Y
S T H L S C P E R E U T R S R
S A L A W O L C L T G H L S A
T S C L I M A T E C H A N G E
R M H I F P N A R H I B C E H
A A I E T E E R P D F I R E G
I N C N P T T F S E C T I L B
T I K T A I E L U B R A I N S
S A S N R T A O C B R T O S A
E I C L R I R W N M L L N C U
A H T T O O T E E E U O E R N
G A S E T N H R L O E S I L Y
I L C O L L I S I O N S S G R

there are **17** words or names to be found. they only go across and down. if you get stuck go searching through this mag for clues.



PAINTING COMPETITION



Paint any of the woodland birds in their habitat. Include in your image all the things you know these birds need to survive. Join BirdLife Australia's art competition and win great prizes.

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link at
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also on the website you will find a "make your own short film" competition, **bird art** and **animations...**



... **STARRING** the human brain

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