



Curraghs  
**Wildlife  
Park**

# Call of the Wild

Issue Eight

So, finally, the Wildlife Park is OPEN to everyone! We weren't expecting this so soon but it's great news for everyone. As schools are to reopen too, this will be the last issue of CALL OF THE WILD for now. I hope you have enjoyed reading it and doing the activities. It has certainly been lots of fun to produce.

## Cooling Off!



Have you enjoyed the hot weather we've had recently? How do you cool off? Perhaps with an ice lolly? Or maybe you like to have a dip in a paddling pool, or even a swim in the sea! As you can see, Louka the tapir likes to take a dip in the cool green water here at the Wildlife Park. Her long snout is very useful because she can dive under the water and poke it out, like a snorkel, so she can breathe. This would be useful in a wild jungle pool if she was hiding from a jaguar!

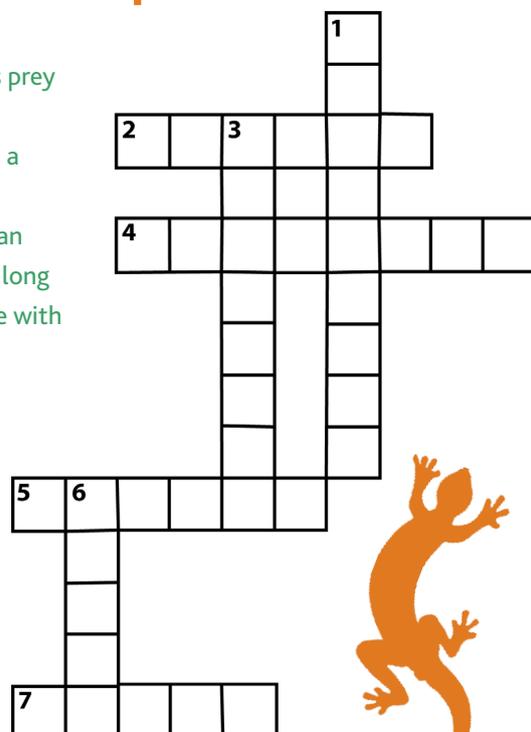
### ACROSS

- 2. This snake kills its prey by suffocation
- 4. Slow mover with a domed shell
- 5. A type of lizard, can grow to to over 1m long
- 7. A venomous snake with a hood

### DOWN

- 3. Found swimming in ponds
- 1. A huge predator, drags its prey underwater
- 6. A small lizard, good climber

## Reptile Crossword



## Whose dinner?

These Australian animals mostly eat grass, but they appreciate some mixed salad too - to make them feel special!



Which animal?  
Unscramble the letters to find out!

r e a r p i i g o d  
n o r c k e s a n  
o u t g a i



Large eyes for supervision, especially in the dark

Markings around the eyes look a bit like spectacles!

Sharp hooked beak for tearing food

Very soft feathers for silent flight to sneak up on prey

Very strong sharp talons for grabbing prey



Very good hearing to listen for prey (ears hidden under feathers)

Large wings for gliding silently

## Animal of the Week

### Spectacled Owl

A young visitor to the Wildlife Park once asked where he could find the "spectacular" owls. He meant "spectacled" owls, but with their amazing good looks they really are spectacular! The female lays one or two eggs each year - the chicks look like fluffy white balls!

#### Habitat

Tropical rainforests across South America

#### Food in the Wild

Small animals such as mice, frogs and birds. Sometimes insects too

#### Superpower

They can swivel their head nearly round to the back (but not ALL the way round!)

### Can you solve the maths puzzle?

$$\text{Bee} + \text{Bee} + \text{Bee} = 9$$

$$\text{Ladybug} + \text{Bee} + \text{Ladybug} = 23$$

$$\text{Ladybug} + \text{Bee} + \text{Green Bug} = 14$$

$$\text{Ladybug} - \text{Green Bug} + \text{Bee} = ?$$

### Last but not least ....

Make a picture of your favourite animal and post it to:

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Or photograph it and email to  
[Liz.Brunswick@gov.im](mailto:Liz.Brunswick@gov.im)

Our favourite will win a goodie bag from the Wildlife Park shop!

Cut out and keep me



answers

Crossword: ACROSS: 2 python 4 tortoise 5 iguana 7 cobra  
 DOWN: 3 terrapin 1 crocodile 6 gekko  
 Whose dinner? wallabies  
 Anagrams: prairie dogs; corn snakes; agouti  
 Maths Puzzle: 12