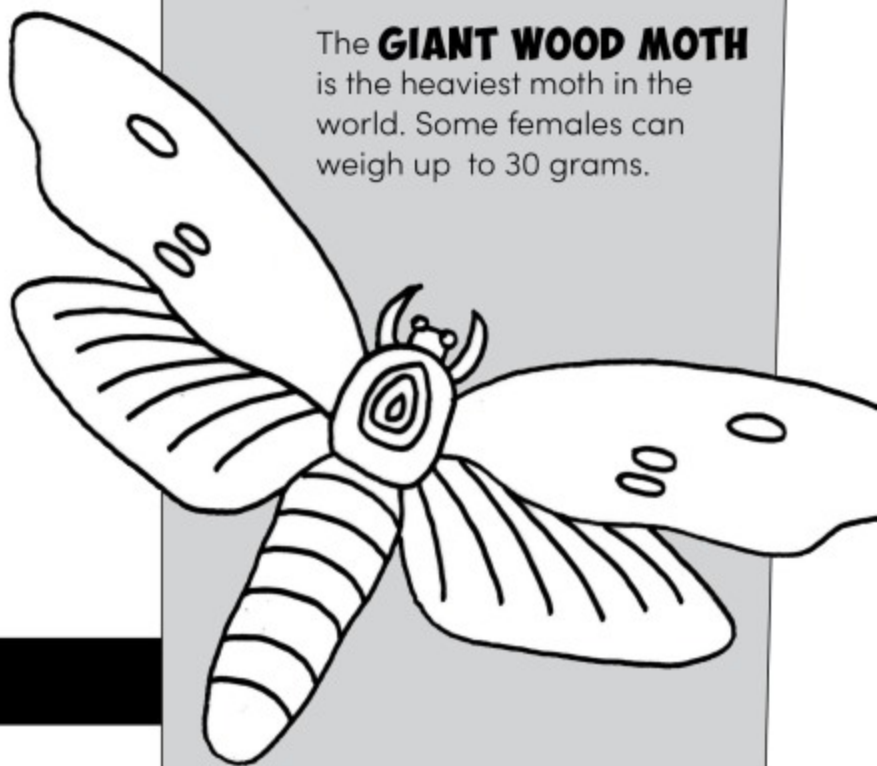


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The **GIANT WOOD MOTH** is the heaviest moth in the world. Some females can weigh up to 30 grams.



SPINY LEAF INSECTS

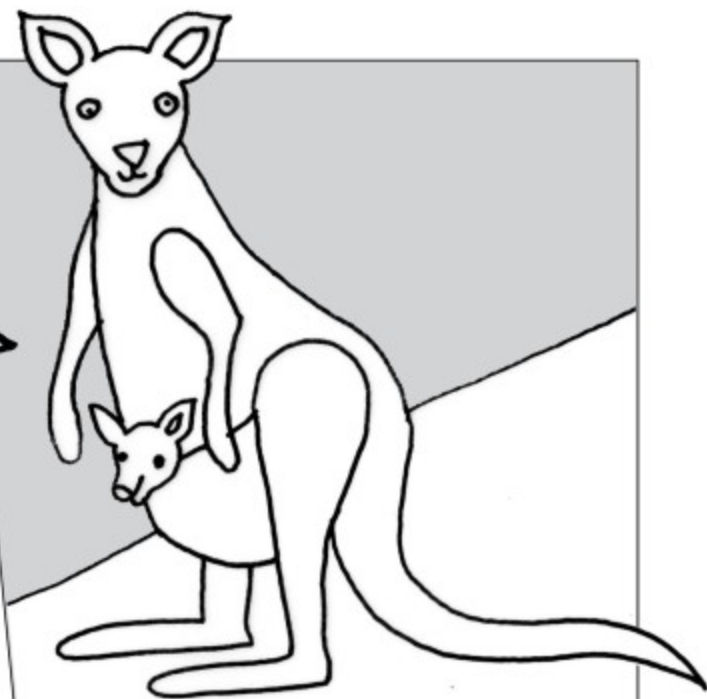
can emit an odor that smells like peanut butter and vinegar. This helps them avoid predators.

DUNG BEETLES are the world's strongest animal! A dung beetle can pull 1,141 times its own bodyweight. That is the same as a person pulling six full buses!

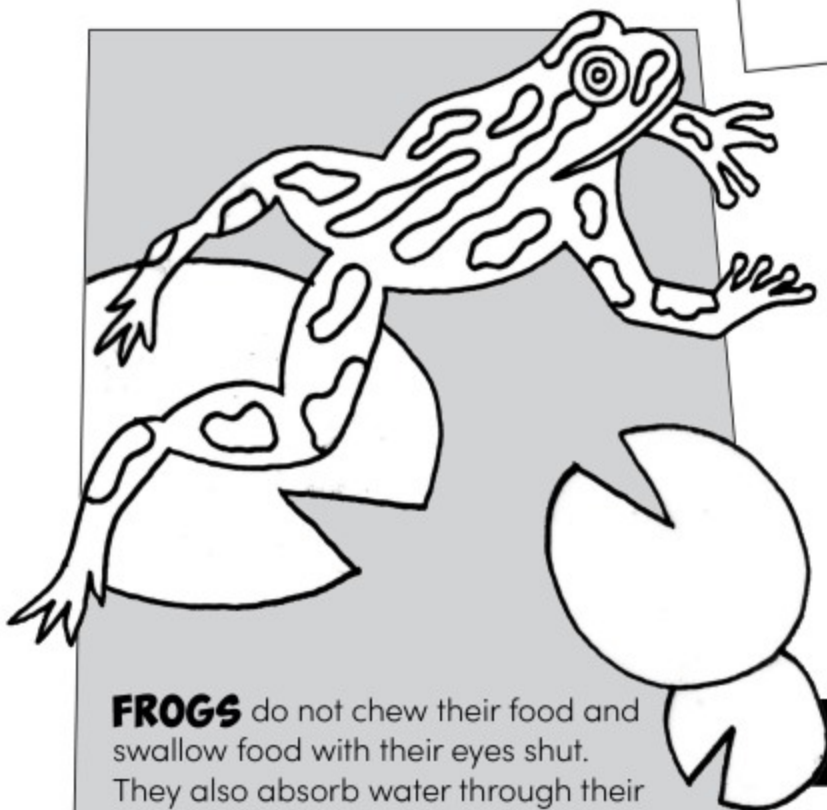




GRASSHOPPER can jump about the length of a meter. If humans could jump the way grasshoppers can, we could leap more than the length of a football field.



KANGAROOS move their hind legs together when they are on land. However, when they swim kangaroos kick each leg independently.



FROGS do not chew their food and swallow food with their eyes shut. They also absorb water through their skin so they don't need to drink.

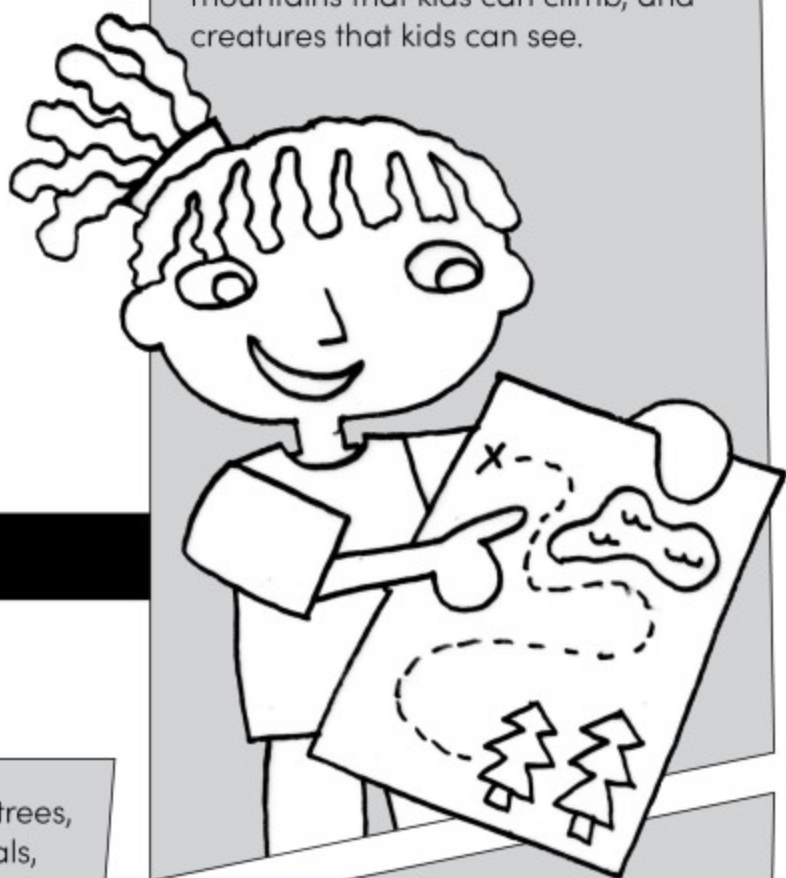


JUMP

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KIDS

Come **EXPLORE** the parks. There are many trails that kids can hike, mountains that kids can climb, and creatures that kids can see.



DISCOVER the many types of trees, flowers, insects, reptiles, mammals, and birds that make the Greater Blue Mountain Area their home.



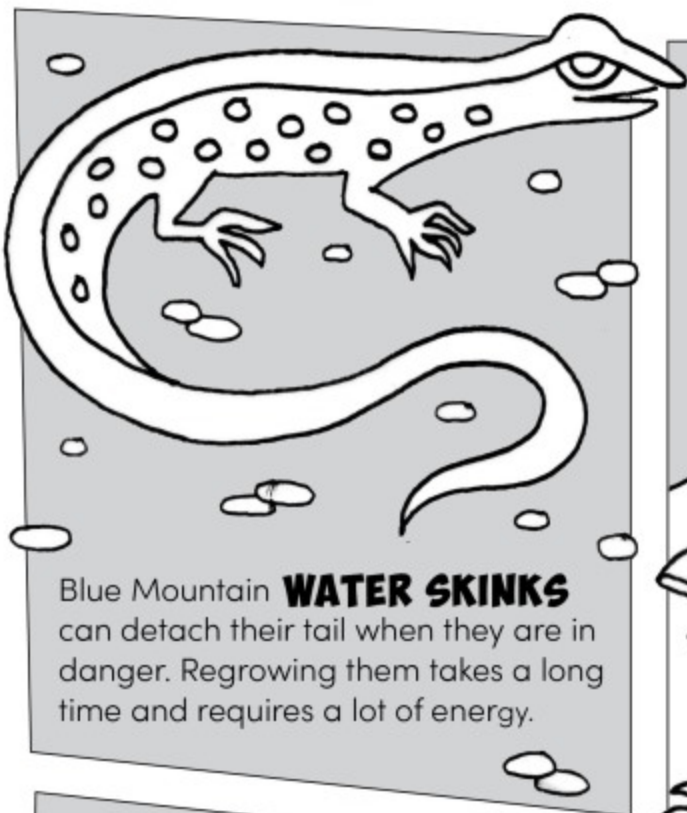
Reading is a one of the best ways to get information. **LEARN** more about the parks and the creatures that live here in books.



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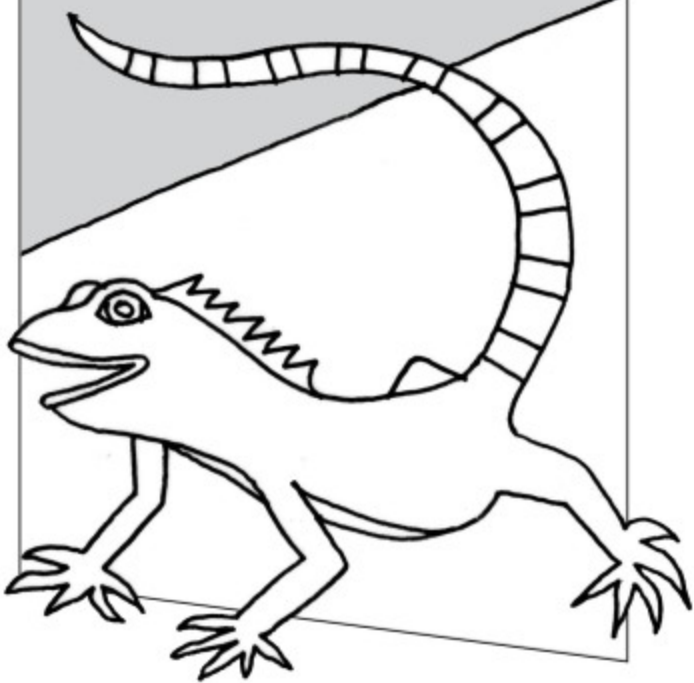
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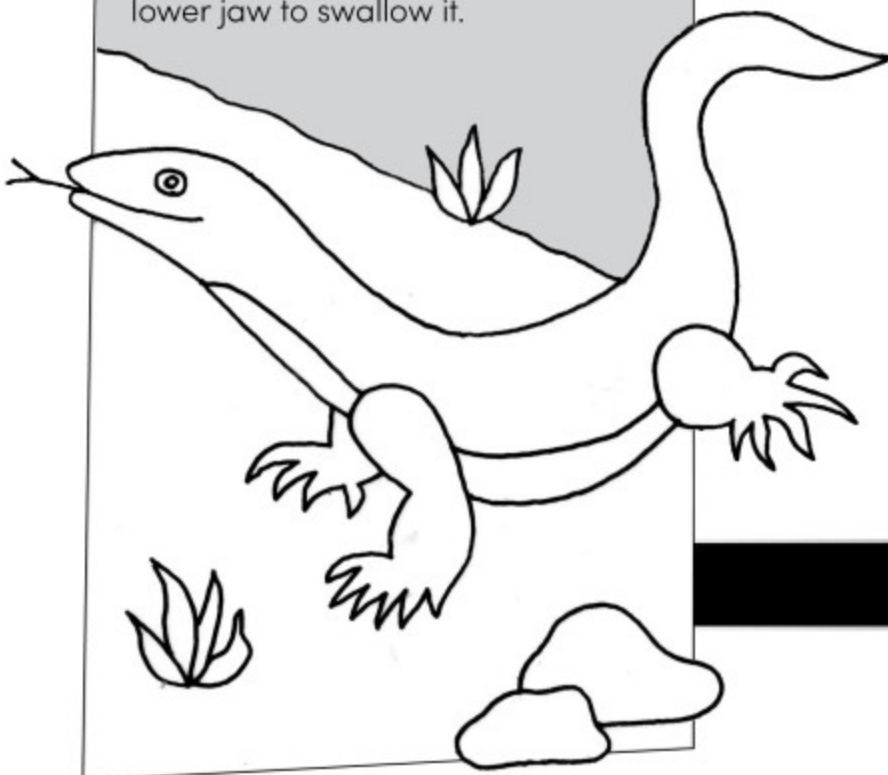


Blue Mountain **WATER SKINKS** can detach their tail when they are in danger. Regrowing them takes a long time and requires a lot of energy.

WATER DRAGONS can hold their breath underwater for up to 90 minutes.



A **GOANNA** finds prey by flicking its tongue and picking up scent molecules from the air. If the prey is large, goannas can unhinge their lower jaw to swallow it.



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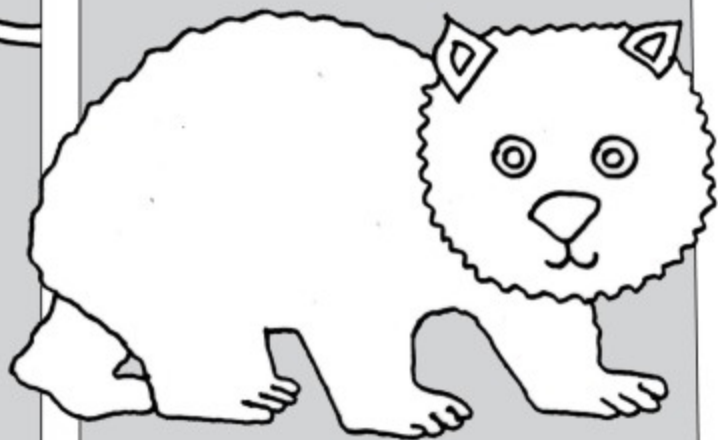
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KOALAS only live in Australia. Sadly, due to the destruction of their habitat, the population of koalas has dropped by 90% in less than a decade.



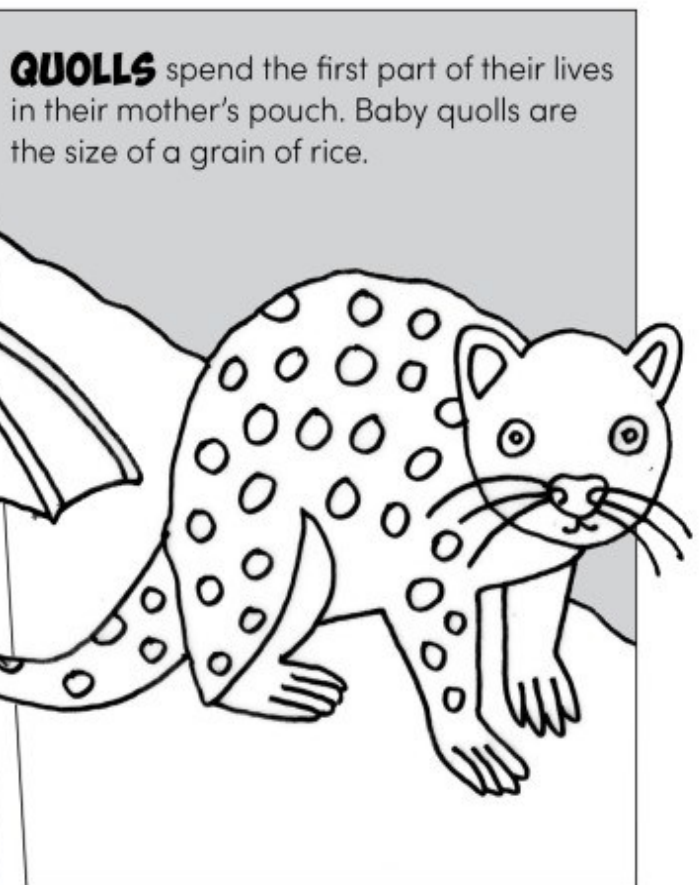
PYGMY POSSUMS are tiny creatures with long prehensile tails. These tails help pygmy possums with climbing.

WOMBATS are the only animal in the world whose poop is shaped in a cube.

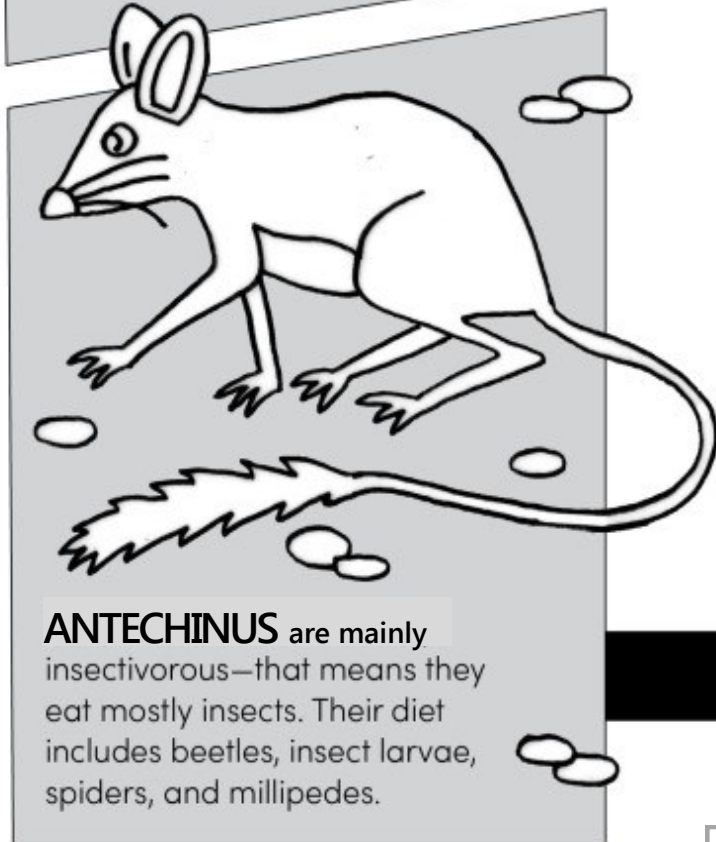




BATS help maintain a healthy environment by eating up to 1,000 insects each day!



QUOLLS spend the first part of their lives in their mother's pouch. Baby quolls are the size of a grain of rice.



ANTECHINUS are mainly insectivorous—that means they eat mostly insects. Their diet includes beetles, insect larvae, spiders, and millipedes.

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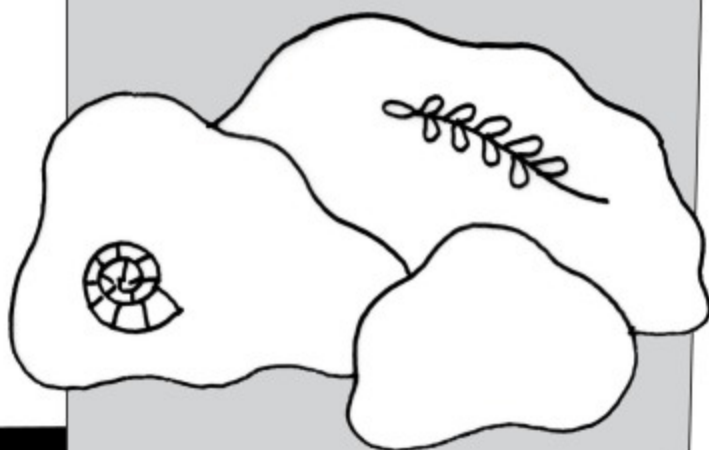
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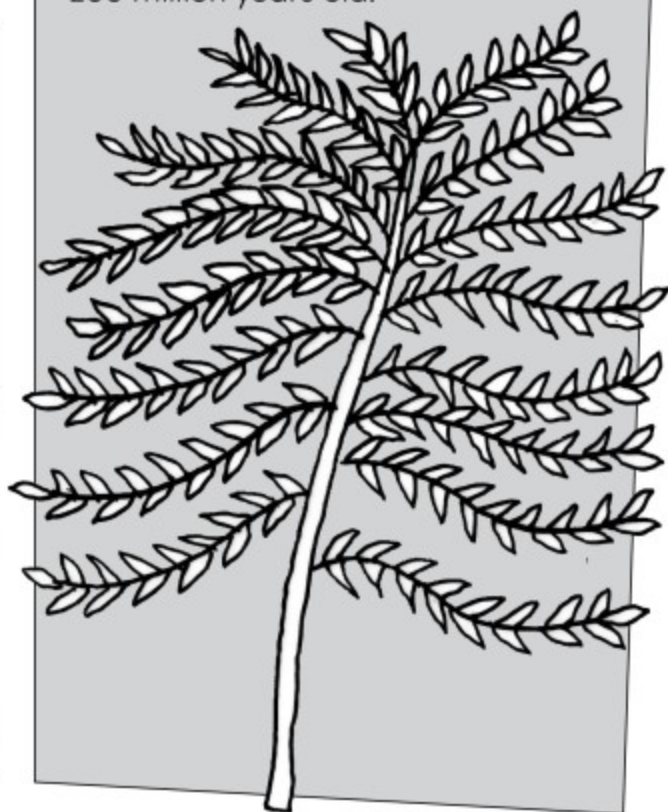
The **ROCKS** in these parks were created over millions of years and often contains fossils of plants and animals.



The **WOLLEMI PINE** is one of the oldest and rarest trees in the world. These trees belong to a family that is 200 million years old.



Some of the rocks in the Blue Mountains were formed from lava flowing from ancient **VOLCANOES**.





RANGERS take care of the park and help visitors that come to explore the park.



SCIENTISTS study the plants and animals that make the Greater Blue Mountain area their home.



TEACHERS educate students about the Greater Blue Mountain Area. They can help students learn how to take care of the environment.

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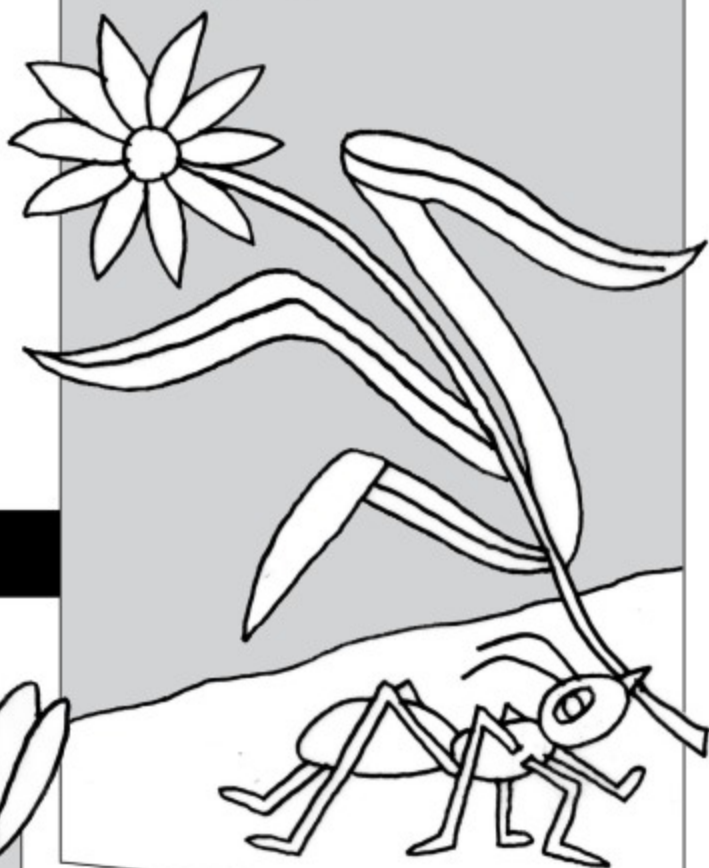
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QUIET



The **POWERFUL OWL** is the largest owl in Australia. But don't let their size fool you. Owls are very quiet when they fly compared to most other birds of prey.

A single **ANT** can carry 50 times its own bodyweight!



VELVET WORMS have lots of little feet. Depending on the species, these creatures can have between 13 and 43 pairs of feet.

