

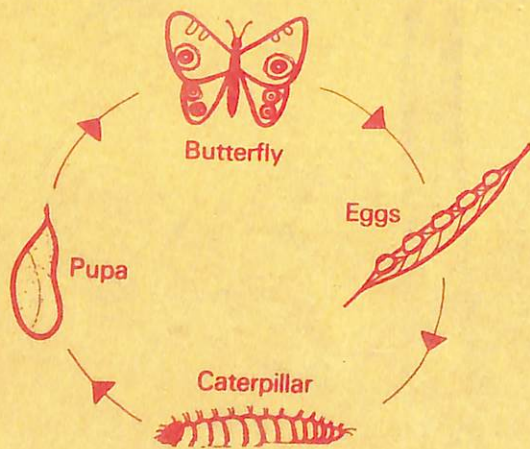
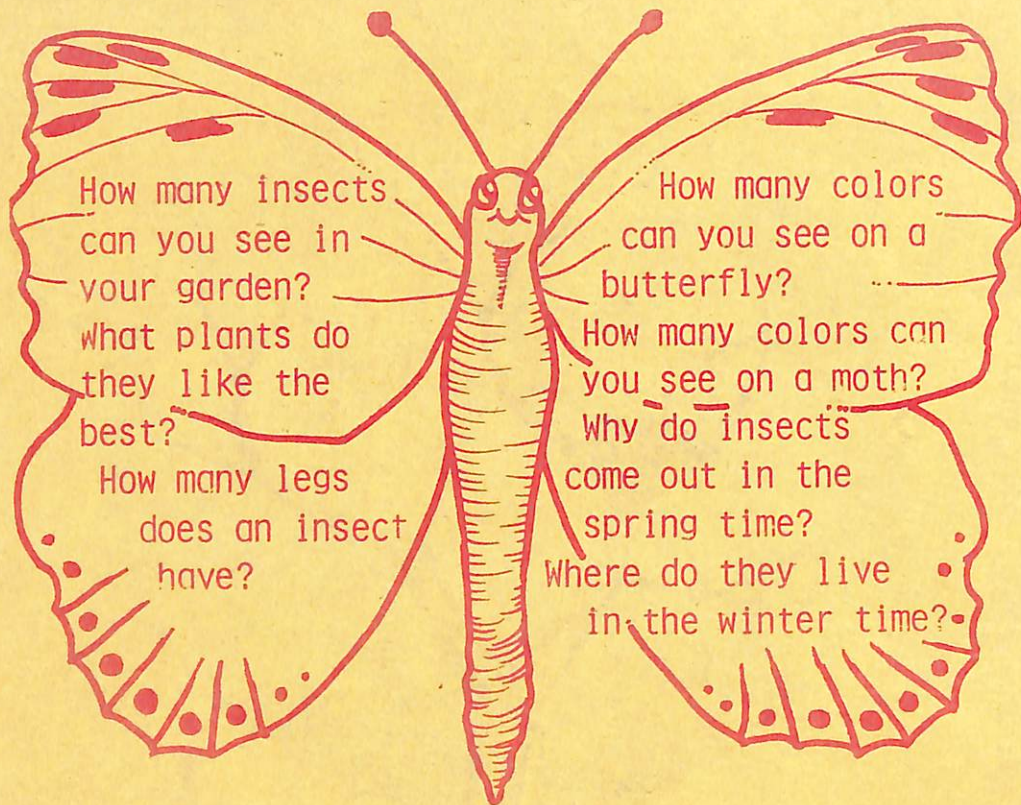
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#### THE LIFE CYCLE OF A BUTTERFLY.

- \* Do you know another life cycle?
- \* Do people have a sort of life cycle?



Bandicoot



Ring Tailed Possum



Kangaroo



Tree Kangaroo

## TALL TAILS

Tails come in all shapes and sizes. Animals have different ways to use their tails. Do you know how these animals use their tails? They are named to help you. What are some other animals that have tails? Do you know what they use them for?

Here are some clues:  
Balancing, insect remover,  
Gripping, swinging, eating,  
swimming, communication,  
food "pantries", fighting.  
What others can you think of?



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# NIFTY NESTS

Birds make their nests  
in different places.

Some are on the ground.



Currawong  
nest.

Some birds even make their  
nests in caves, or the  
roofs of houses.

Striated Pardalote's  
nest



Little Quail



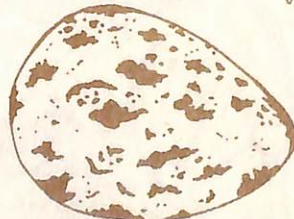
egg.



Lotus Bird egg.



Raven egg.



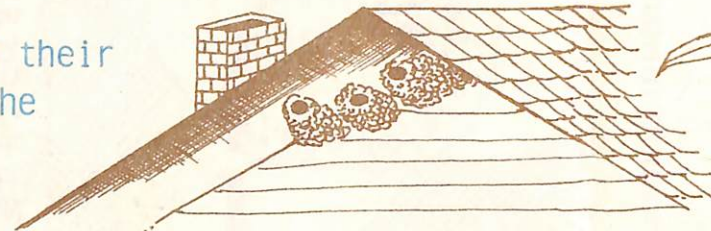
Stone Plover egg.

\* Find out what is so special about the nest of  
Mallee Fowl.

Straw-necked  
Ibis nest.



Others are in trees.

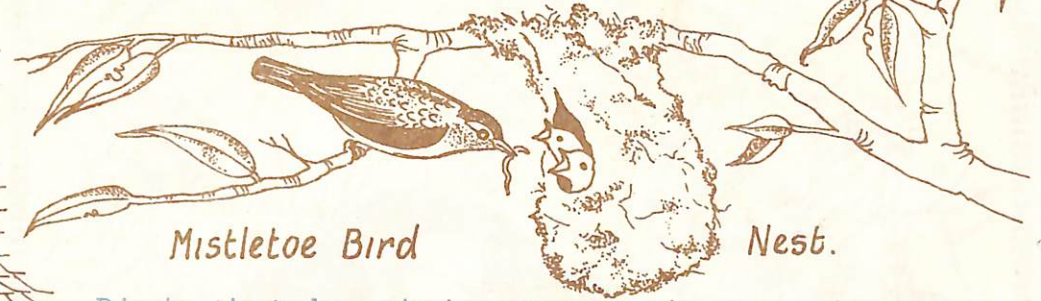


Fairy Martins' mud nests under roof.

Other birds find tiny  
spots, like holes in  
rocks to make their  
nests.

Their eggs are often different colors, to  
protect them.

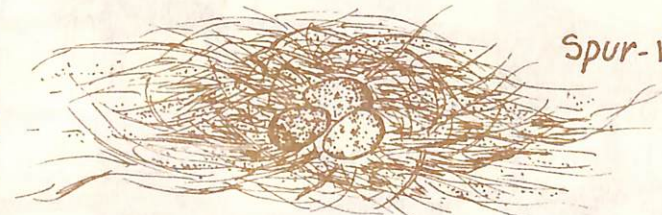
The birds that lay their eggs in closed or  
covered nests often have white eggs. Their  
enemies can not see them in the nest.



Mistletoe Bird

Nest.

Birds that lay their eggs on the ground, or  
in open nests have colored eggs, to help them  
blend in with the nest, to try and hide them.



Spur-winged  
Plover  
eggs.

- \* What things do birds' eggs need PROTECTION from?
- \* Do you know a bird that has its nest on the ground, or in a tree, or in a space around your home?
- \* What is special about the Cuckoo?
- \* See what you can find out about this bird.







Here are some of the wildflowers you may see in the spring. Do you know where they come from in Australia? See if you can color them in, using their proper colors. Have a happy spring!

# BLOOMIN' BUDS

# PUZZLES



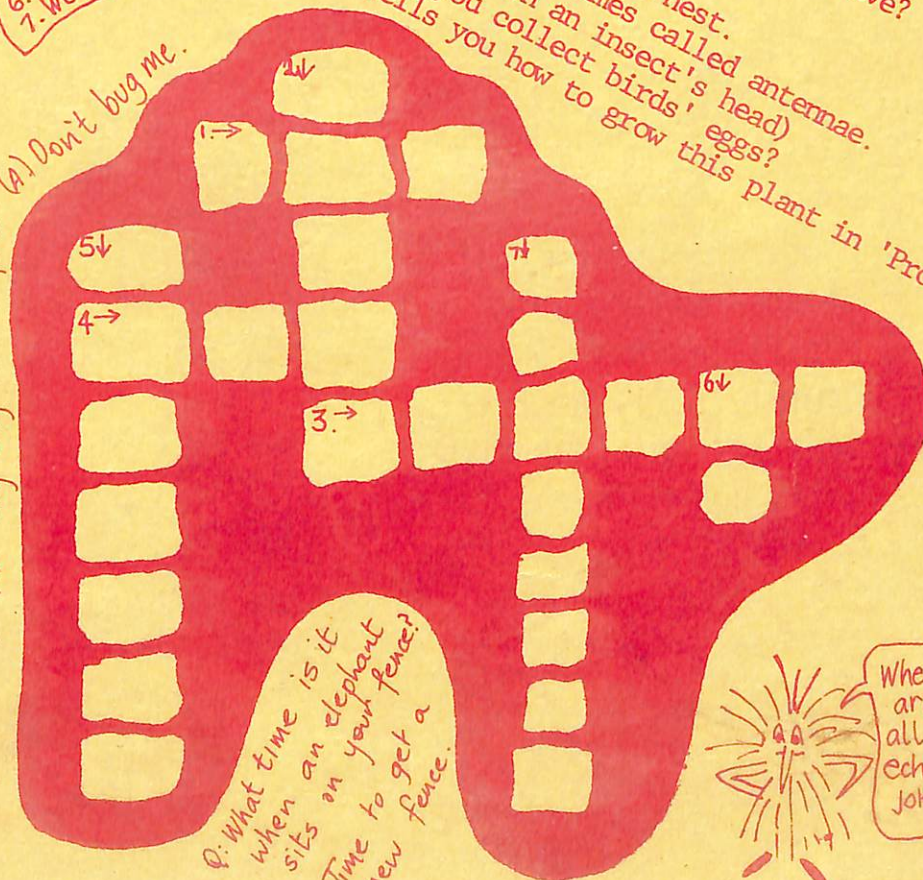
Do you think Ernie is right?  
**ERNIE'S ANSWERS**  
 1. Nine  
 2. Aeroplanes  
 3. Autumn.  
 4. Sticks  
 5. Eyez.  
 6. If you're hungry  
 7. Weeds.

Q. Why is lettuce the most loving vegetable?  
 A. It's all heart.

Fill in the spaces with these clues!  
 1. How many legs does an insect have?  
 2. These help you fly.  
 3. What season is it?  
 4. Birds lay this in a nest.  
 5. They are sometimes called antennae.  
 6. Should you on an insect's head collect birds' eggs?  
 7. It tells you how to grow this plant in 'Probe'

Make an animal alphabet:  
 a is for ant  
 b is for bandicoot  
 c is for can you keep going?  
 ...sss is for snake.

(Q) What did the dog say to the flea?  
 (A) Don't bug me.



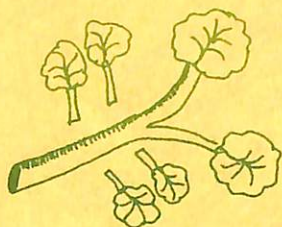
Q: What time is it when an elephant sits on your fence?  
 A. Time to get a new fence.





# GROW YOUR OWN

Some plants can grow from cuttings, (that's a small part of the plant), as well as seeds.



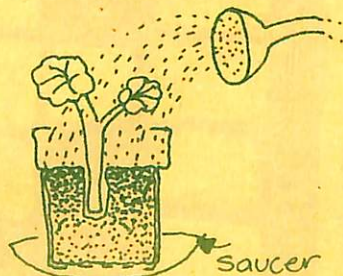
Plant the bottom half of the cutting in a pot filled with loose, crumbly soil. A small plastic container with holes poked in the bottom is great.



Spring is the time of year when most plants seem to grow faster. It is a good time for starting off new plants.



Geraniums can grow from cuttings. Break off an end piece, about 12cm long. Break off all the leaves except the top two or three.



Press the soil down around the cutting and soak it with water. If you remember to keep your cutting moist, but not soggy, you should have a healthy plant to give as a Christmas present.