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MUD ISSUE



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MUDDY MATES



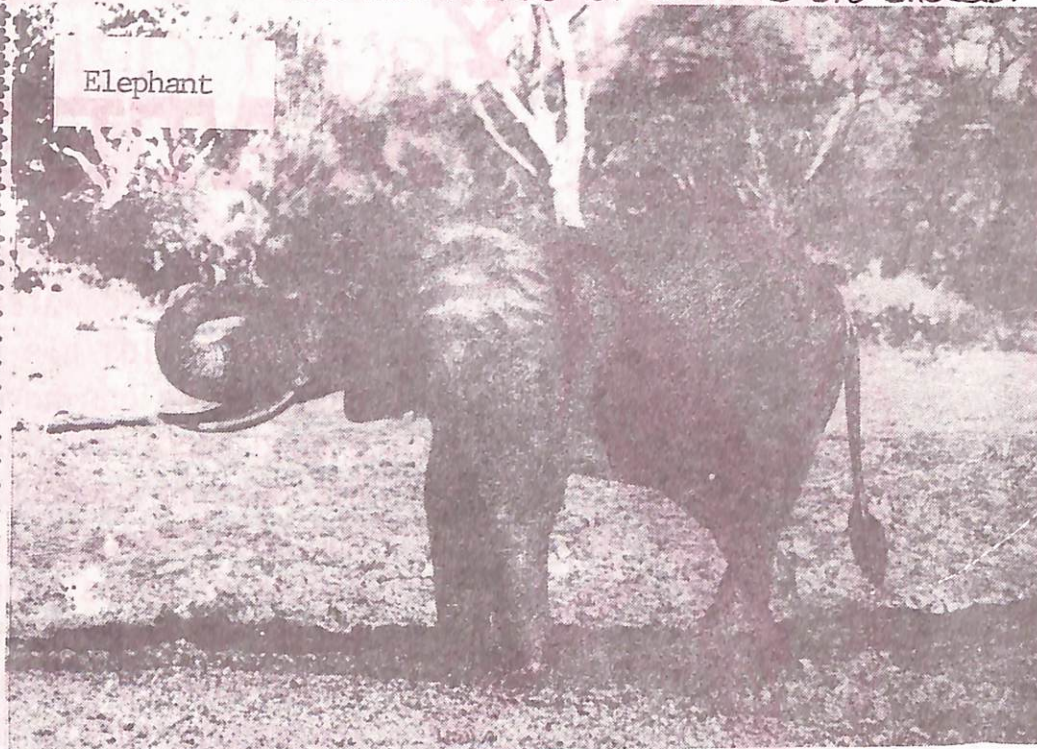
The magpie lark needs to be close to water when he builds his nest, so he can have a good supply of MUD. His nest is made of mud, made stronger with pieces of grass added to it. It can take up to 20 days to build the magpie lark's nest.

The white winged chough builds his nest out of mud too. These birds live in groups of up to 20 birds. Everyone in the group helps to build the nests and keep the chough's enemies out. They like to nest near water too. Can you guess why?



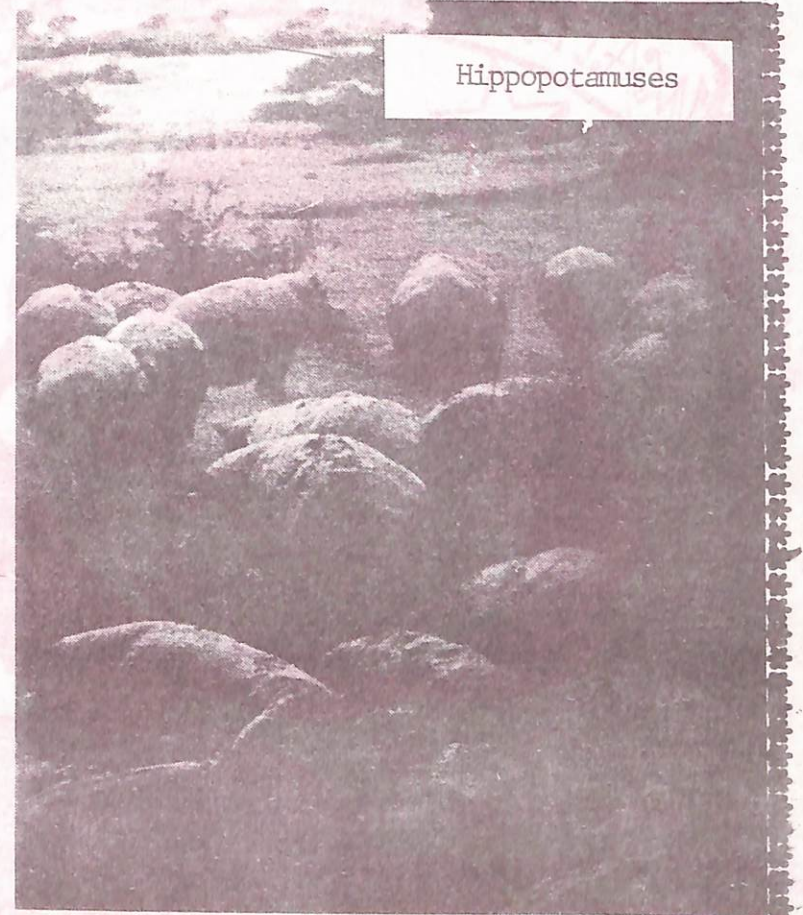
THANKS TO 'SAVING THE ANIMALS' BY BERNARD STONEHOUSE..

Elephant



DIRTY ABBLERS

Hippopotamuses



Rhinoceros

Here are some animals that love mud! Each animal **WALLOWS** in mud for different reasons. Can you guess why they wallow in mud? Rhino's use especially smelly mud, so that they can mark their trail with the smell. Elephants use mud baths to cool themselves down in hot weather. Hippo's love the mud because it keeps their skin cool and moist. Pigs, like Wilbur out of 'Charlotte's Web' love mud too, because it feels good on their skin.

See if you can find any other animals that love mud, and make sure you know what the word 'wallow' means.

Pig



PRESENTING.....

THE AMAZING.....



The water holding frog is a very special frog, which lives in the desert. It is rounder and has shorter legs than normal frogs. This frog can store water in its body. When it gets very dry in the desert, the frog digs a hole in the mud and can live there for years, waiting for rain, when it'll come out again. Aborigines dig for the frog in dry weather, and use the water held in the frog's body.

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EERK! HE NEEDS A BATH!

PUZZLE PRINTS



Have you ever made your own footprints in mud?

I know whose prints these are, they're my favourite ones, ant prints! Can you help me find out who owns the other types of prints I can see in the mud?



Way down south, where the bananas grow,
A grasshopper stood on an elephant's toe.
The elephant said, with tears in his eyes,
"Pick on somebody your own size!"

Ans: Dog, Bird, Duck, Horse, Man.

I said I was sorry!

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That's Incredible!

Strange stories
from nature..



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At a place called Rotorua in New Zealand the crust of the earth is very thin, and mud pools and geysers can be seen. The pools of boiling mud are heated by steam coming from deep down in the earth. They bubble and pop away, and are quite a tourist attraction. When people visit this place, they have to walk on the marked paths, so they don't step into the mud pools.

The female hornbill is sealed inside her hollow tree nest by her mate, and stays there until she has raised her young. The opening to the nest is cemented up, and the female loses all her feathers whilst caring for her young. When her feathers grow back, it means it's time for mother and babies to be let out by 'dad'. He brings the family food when they are in the sealed nest.