

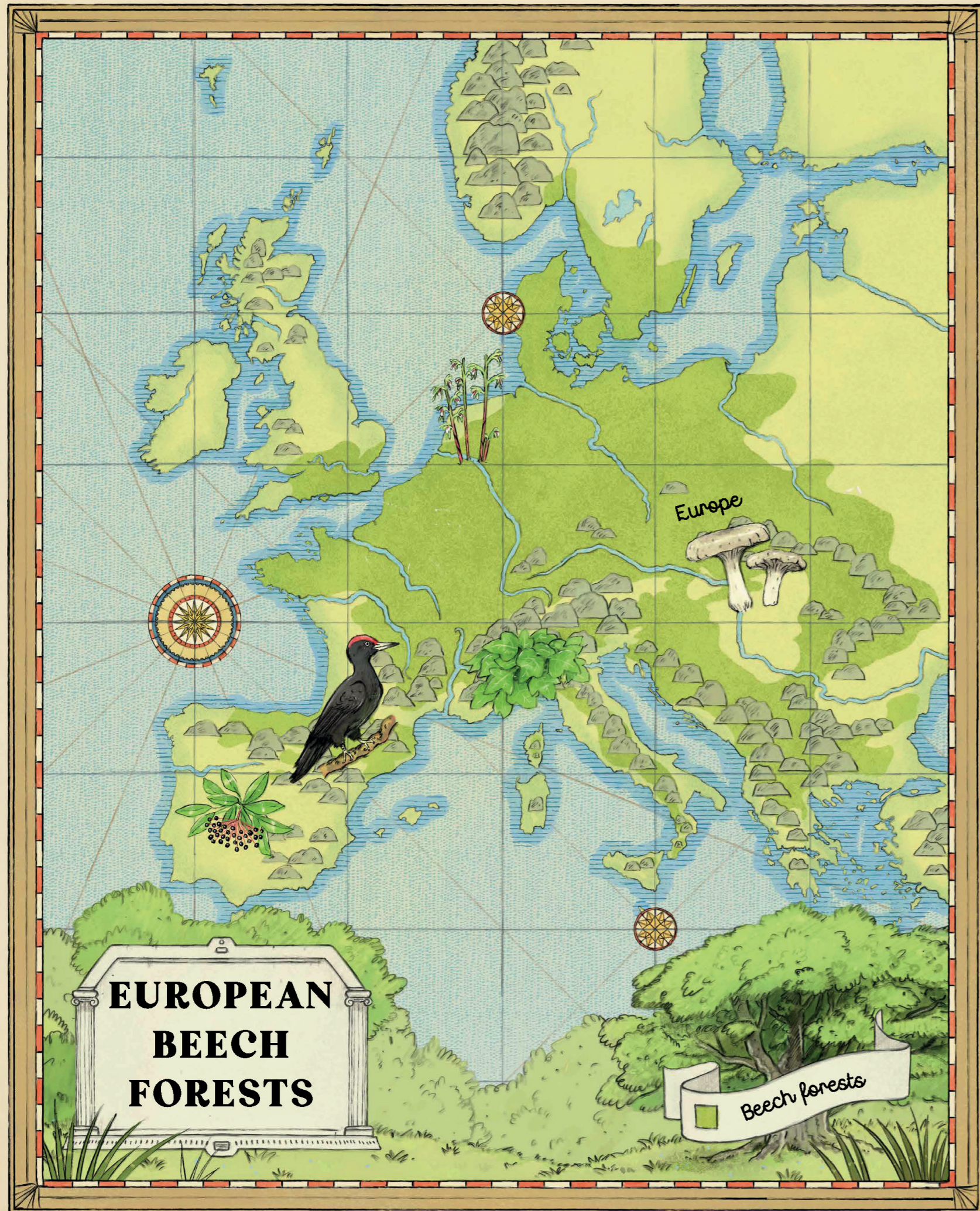
# PICTURE PUZZLER

A NATURAL HISTORY  
HIDE-AND-SEEK

Step into the  
WORLD'S WILDEST  
PLACES to solve  
70 PICTURE  
RIDDLES

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## FOREST PUZZLE

One-hundred-year-old beech trees,  
as tall as they are old,  
open up their branches  
to creatures, tired or cold.

So walk on through the forest,  
and scour the wooded glade,  
For foxes, mice and bunnies  
are resting in the shade.

**CAN YOU FIND**

these bold,  
bright  
creatures?

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A wild pony that's  
gentle and tame,  
see my dark tail and  
long, black mane.  
I'm a... **KONIK PONY**

Dappled shade  
is where I hide,  
my spotted coat's  
a great disguise.  
I'm a... **FALLOW DEER**

I slither into  
sunny spots  
and later hide  
by leaves or rocks.  
I'm an... **ADDER**

My stripy face is  
black and white,  
which helps me stay  
well out of sight.  
I'm a... **BADGER**

I peck peck peck  
upon a tree,  
to let you know  
my territory.  
I'm a... **MIDDLE  
SPOTTED  
WOODPECKER**

My big snout helps  
me root around  
for tasty acorns  
on the ground.  
I'm a... **WILD BOAR**



**NOW LOOK EVEN  
MORE CLOSELY**  
for these masters  
of disguise...

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My feathers make  
me hard to spy,  
but a bright red line  
sits above each eye.  
I'm a... **WESTERN  
CAPERCAILLIE**

I like to munch on  
fruits and seeds,  
you'll find me climbing  
in a tree.  
I'm a... **EUROPEAN  
DORMOUSE**

My back legs make me  
a fast sprinter,  
I shelter in the woods  
in winter.  
I'm a... **BROWN HARE**

They say that I'm a  
cunning creature,  
my bushy tail is my  
best feature.  
I'm a... **RED FOX**

I'm by the water  
— a slippery fellow —  
see my markings of  
black and yellow.  
I'm a... **FIRE  
SALAMANDER**

Large eyes give me  
excellent sight,  
you'll find me hunting  
through the night.  
I'm an... **EAGLE OWL**

# Notes on... EUROPEAN BEECH FORESTS

## HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO, MUCH OF EUROPE WAS COVERED BY ENORMOUS BEECH TREE FORESTS.

Many of these forests still exist, and their ancient trees, aged more than one hundred years old and featuring the world's largest and tallest trees, can be found in eighteen different countries.

Many of the animal families living in these these forests are as old as the trees.

### DID YOU SPOT ALL OF THE MASTERS OF DISGUISE?

Turn back a page to see if you can find the creatures below, whose camouflage makes them nearly impossible to find.

I have tufts of feathers on my head that look like ears!



**EAGLE OWL**  
*Bubo bubo*

Eagle owls are excellent hunters. They have hooked beaks, powerful feet which they use to snatch their prey; and great vision, which helps them to see in the dark.



My mottled feathers keep me hidden against the tree bark.

My black and yellow markings warn hungry predators to stay away!



Salamander larvae

It's dark and damp here under the cool, wet grass near the river. . . that's just how I like it.

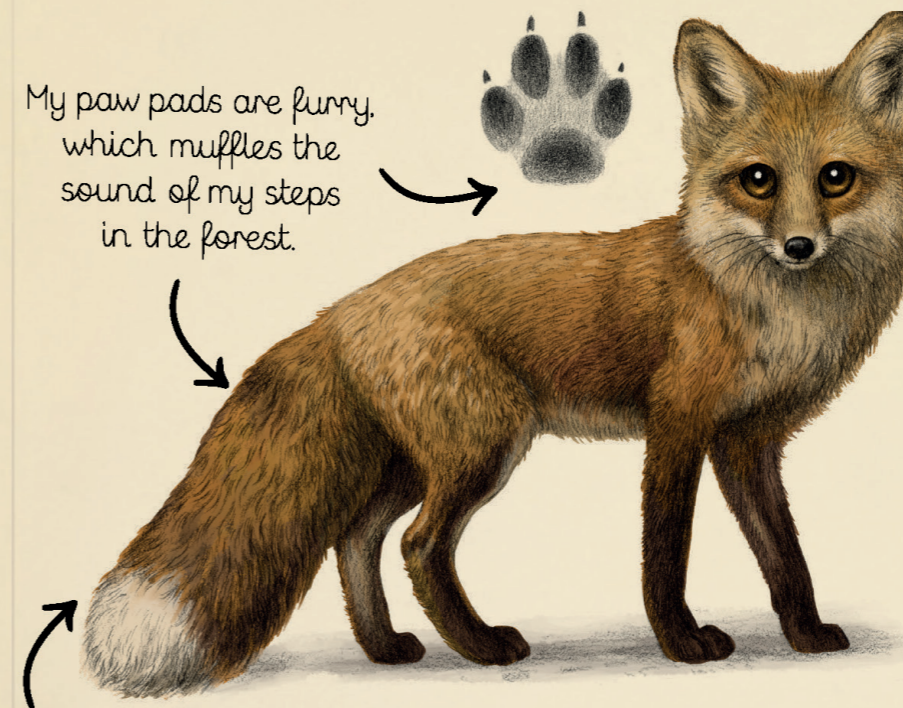
**FIRE SALAMANDER**  
*Salamandra salamandra*

The fire salamander is an amphibian, which means it lives on land and spends much of its life near water. Females carry their young as eggs inside their body and give birth to salamander larvae in a pond or river.

**RED FOX**  
*Vulpes vulpes*

Red fox homes — called dens — are usually on the edges of forests, near fields where there is plenty of prey for them to hunt.

My paw pads are furry, which muffles the sound of my steps in the forest.



A rusty, red coat helps me to stay hidden from view.

**EUROPEAN DORMOUSE**  
*Glis glis*

This mouse looks a bit like a squirrel, and its long bushy tail helps it to balance in trees.



I can cling to mossy tree branches with my large feet and sharp claws.

**BROWN HARE**  
*Lepus europaeus*

Unlike rabbits, brown hares do not dig burrows. Instead, they shelter in small dips in the ground known as 'forms'.

My long ears help me to listen for predators



Did you see me hiding in the tall grass behind the pony?

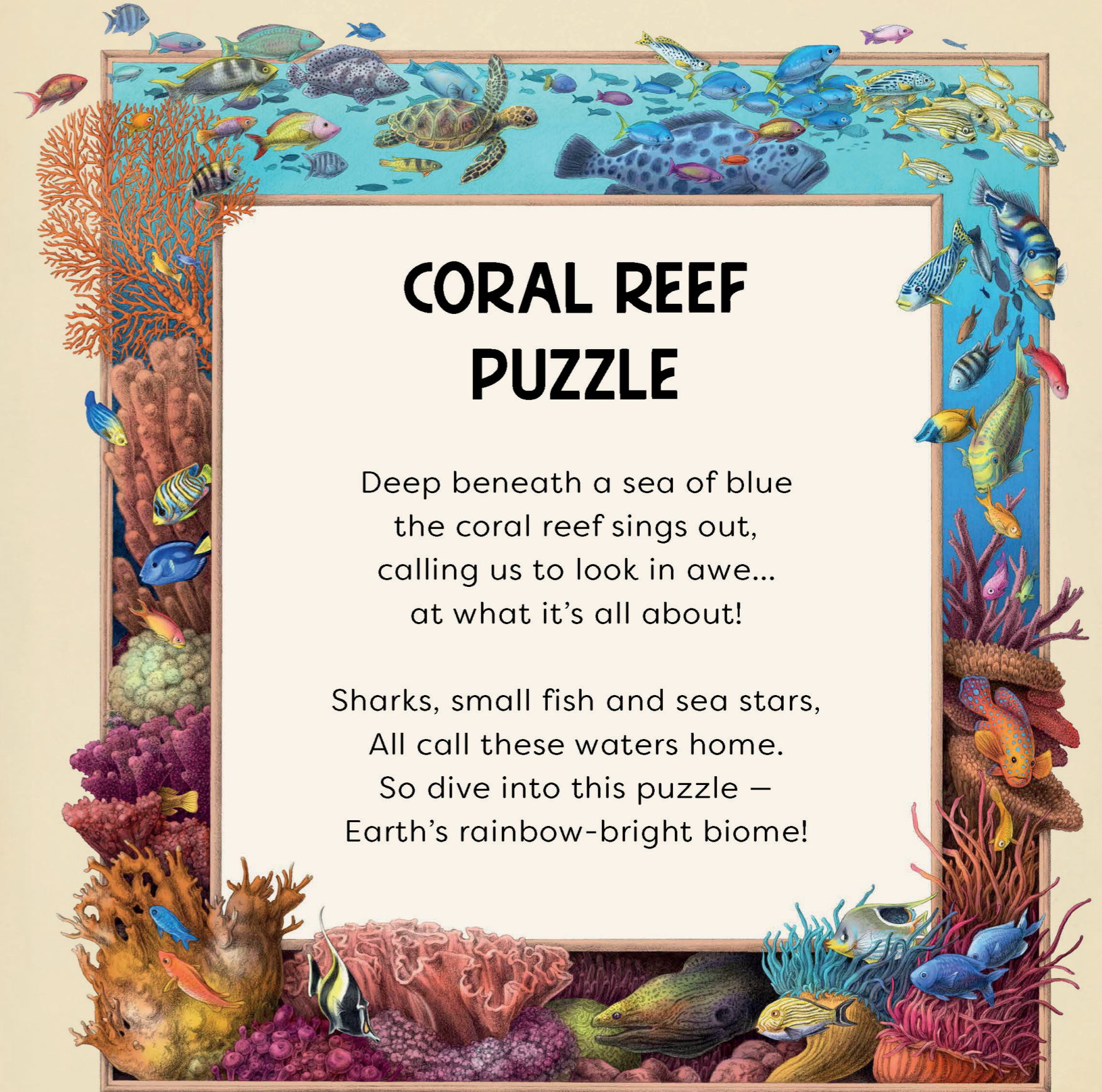
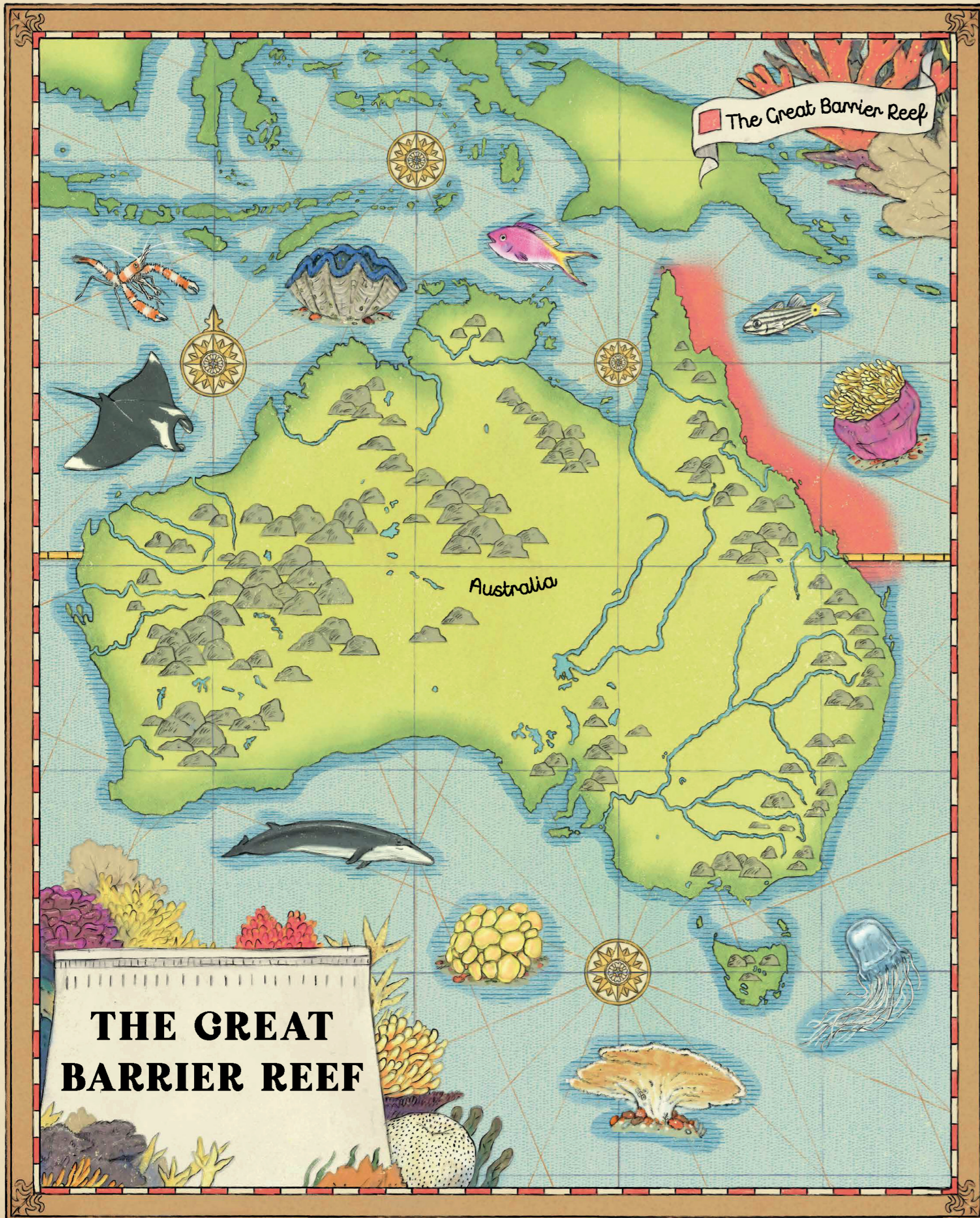
**WESTERN CAPERCAILLIE**  
*Tetrao urogallus*

Female western capercaillie is smaller than the colourful male, and her plumage keeps her well hidden.



I have feathered legs for protection against the cold.

Turn to page 42 to find all the animals from the beech forest



# CORAL REEF PUZZLE

Deep beneath a sea of blue  
the coral reef sings out,  
calling us to look in awe...  
at what it's all about!

Sharks, small fish and sea stars,  
All call these waters home.  
So dive into this puzzle –  
Earth's rainbow-bright biome!

**CAN YOU FIND**

these bold,  
bright  
creatures?

Know me by my  
black-tipped fins,  
as swiftly through  
the reef I swim.  
I'm a... **BLACKTIP  
REEF SHARK**

Strong flippers and  
a teardrop shell,  
help me to glide  
and dive so well.  
I'm a... **GREEN TURTLE**

Orange and white  
stripes cover me  
as I hide among  
the anemones.  
I'm a... **CLOWN FISH**

By thick, fleshy lips  
my sharp teeth  
are concealed,  
sea urchins are  
my favourite meal.  
I'm a... **MAORI  
WRASSE**

I graze on grass  
beneath the sea,  
my baby calf stays  
close to me.  
I'm a... **DUGONG**

I flit through the reef  
like a butterfly.  
My disk shape and  
stripes will catch  
your eye.  
I'm a... **BUTTERFLY  
FISH**



**NOW LOOK EVEN  
MORE CLOSELY**  
for these masters  
of disguise...

Blue spots are all  
you'll see of me,  
crabs and fish  
they cannot flee.  
I'm a... **BLUE-SPOTTED  
RIBBONTAIL RAY**

A master of  
disguise am I,  
among the coral  
is where I lie.  
I'm a... **BROADCLUB  
CUTTLEFISH**

I'm a flash of green  
with orange dots,  
branching corals  
are my favourite spot.  
I'm a... **LONGNOSE FILEFISH**

My giant shell  
is spotted blue,  
upon this reef  
will I stay true.  
I'm a... **GIANT CLAM**

Eight wriggly tentacles  
give me away,  
they help me snatch  
and hold my prey.  
I'm a... **WHITE-  
STRIPED OCTOPUS**

A horse, as small as  
a fingernail...  
oddly, the one who gives  
birth is male!  
I'm a... **PYGMY SEAHORSE**

# Notes on... THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

**THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, OFF THE NORTHEAST COAST OF AUSTRALIA, IS MORE THAN 1,400 MILES LONG! IT'S THE WORLD'S LARGEST CORAL REEF.**

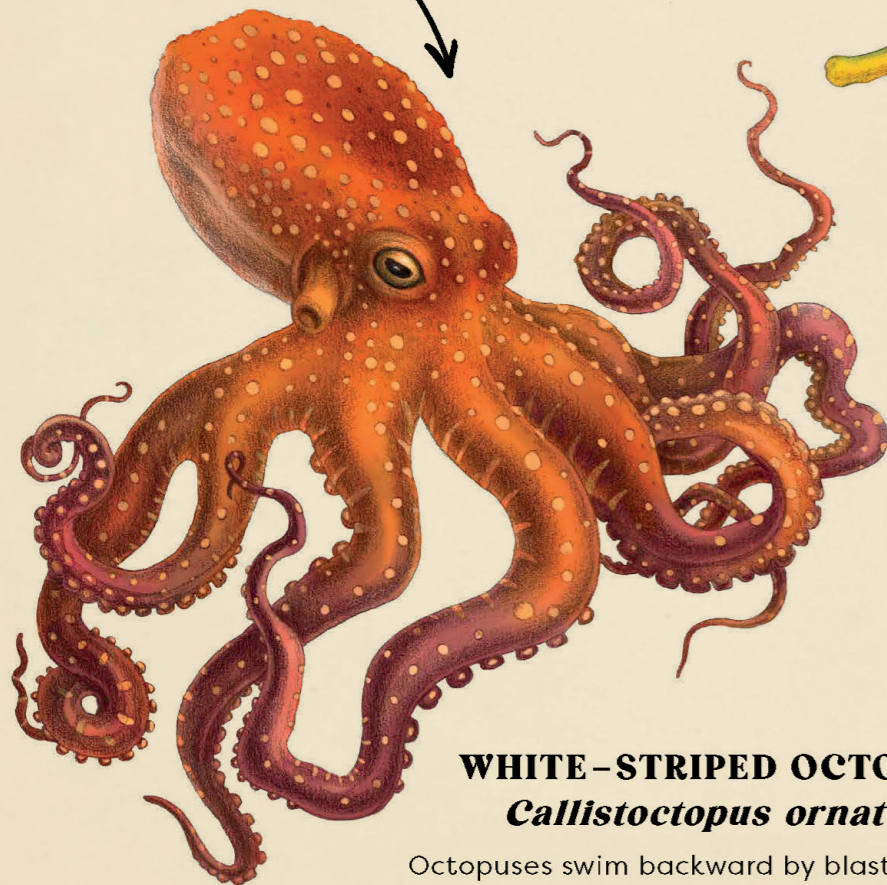
It's home to 400 species of coral, which form the biggest collection in the world. There are also 1,500 different types of fish and 4,000 kinds of molluscs. It's an important habitat for rare species such as the dugong and the green turtle, which are threatened with extinction.

Many animals that live here have perfected the art of disguise, camouflaging themselves against the reef's bright colours.

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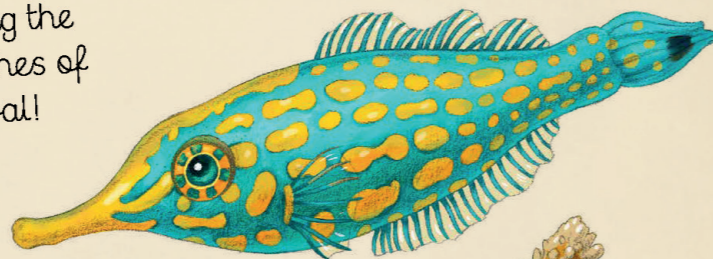
I squirt ink at any predators that come near me!



**WHITE-STRIPED OCTOPUS**  
*Callistoctopus ornatus*

Octopuses swim backward by blasting water through a muscular tube in their body.

Look for me among the branches of coral!

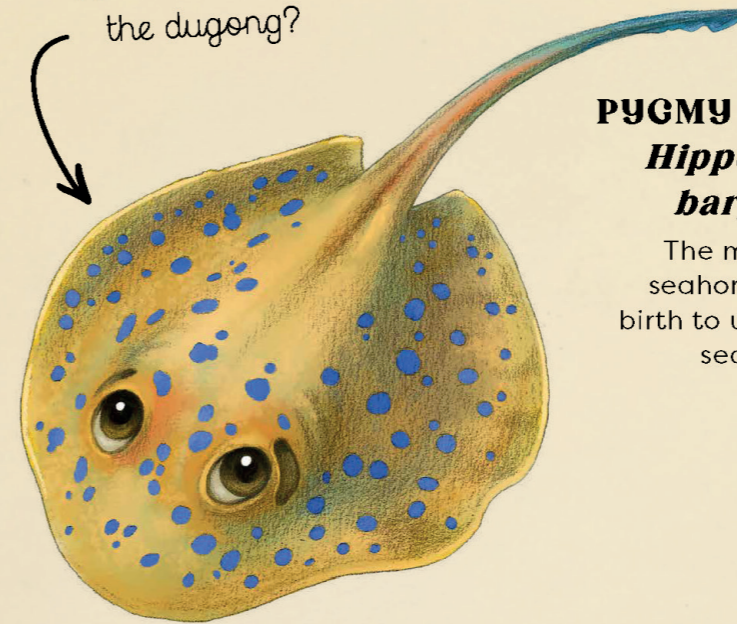


**LONGNOSE FILEFISH**  
*Oxymonacanthus longirostris*

The filefish's elongated mouth means it can only eat small amounts of coral polyps and tiny plankton at any one time. It likes to snack all day!



Did you find me in the sand, near the dugong?

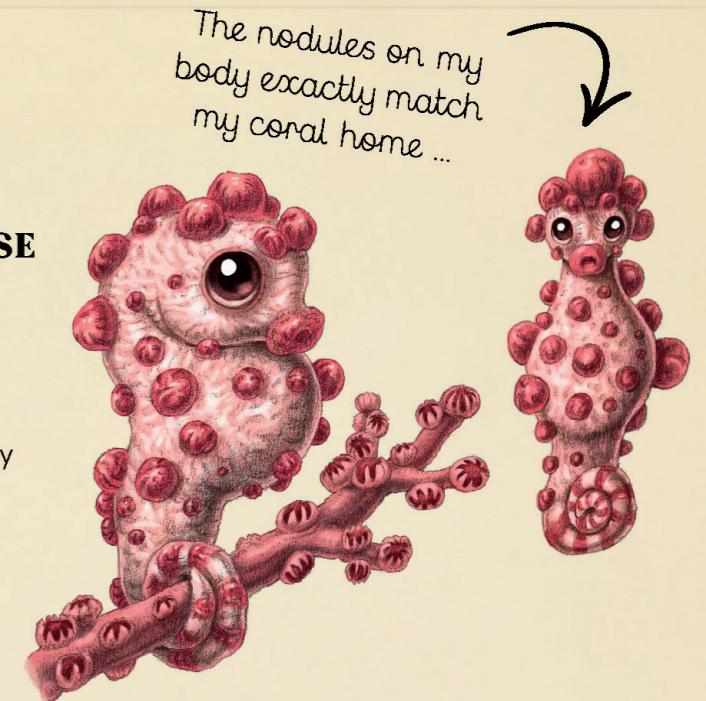


**BLUE-SPOTTED RIBBONTAIL RAY**  
*Taeniura lymma*

At night, the ribbontail ray leaves its sandy hideaway to hunt. It scoops up its prey easily with its snout.

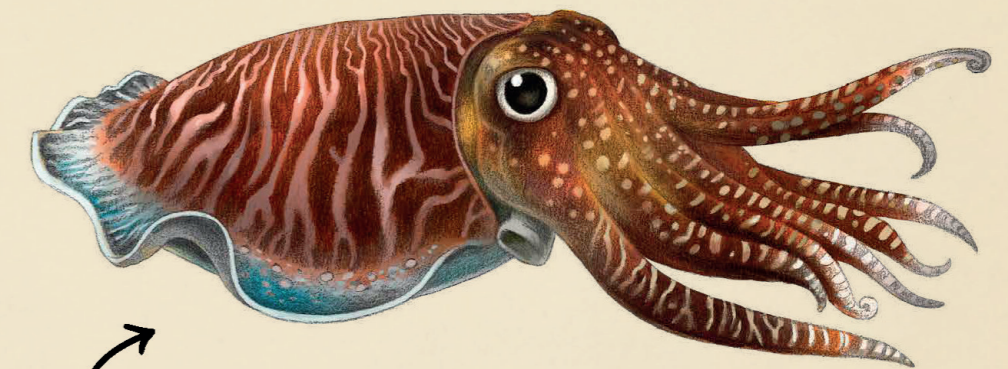
**PYGMY SEAHORSE**  
*Hippocampus bargibanti*

The male pygmy seahorse can give birth to up to 34 baby seahorses.



The nodules on my body exactly match my coral home ...

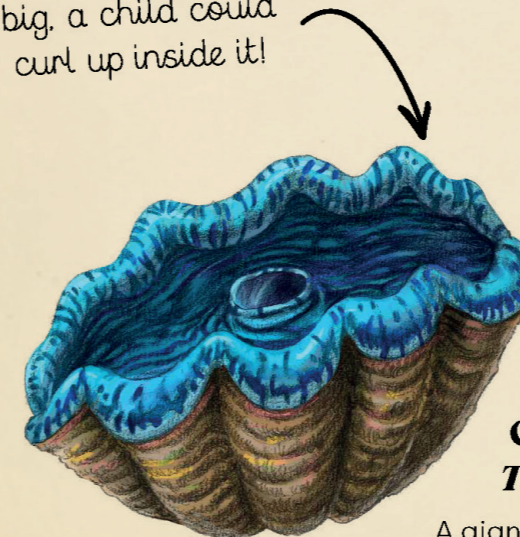
My flat body lets me stay hidden near the seabed...



**BROADCLUB CUTTLEFISH**  
*Sepia latimanus*

This creature is a cunning predator that hypnotizes its prey with flashing, coloured bands that ripple along its skin.

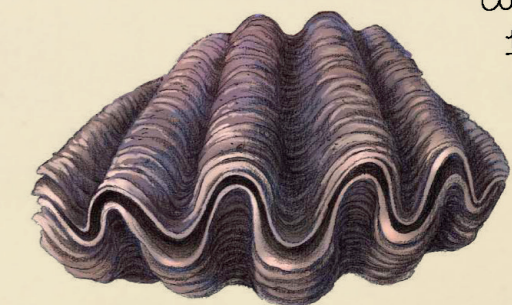
My huge shell is so big, a child could curl up inside it!



**GIANT CLAM**  
*Tridacna gigas*

A giant clam's bright colours are partly due to the algae living inside its body.

Giant clams can live up to 100 years!



Turn to page 46 to find all the animals in the reef