

Love Hornbills Day - Feb. 13

Little Rock Zoo Hornbills - Mayhem (ambassador),
Chaos & Anarchy (exhibit)

Abyssinian Ground Hornbill

Bucorvus Abyssinicus

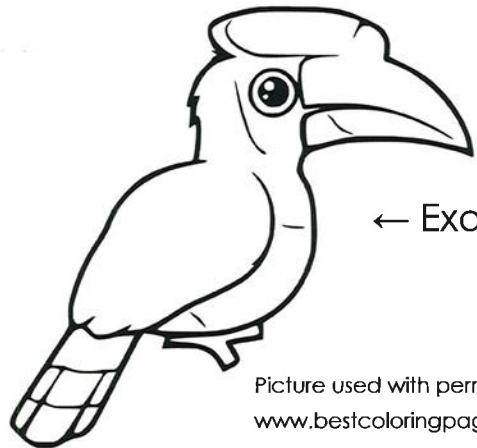
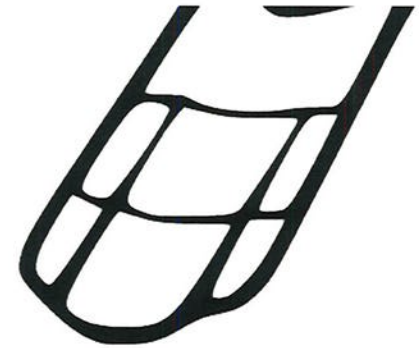
- Description
 - Large ground-dwelling birds; can have a 6-foot wingspan
 - Identifying feature is its large beak, topped with a bony prominence called a casque (hollow structure made from keratin)
 - Males differ from females by having both blue and red on the throat patch while the female's throat patch is always blue
 - The noticeable "eyelashes" of Abyssinian ground hornbills are actually modified feathers that protect their eyes from injury
 - Hornbills' first two neck vertebrae are fused together, a unique feature that supports their enormous bills
 - Hornbills will parade around with their prized possessions, whether food or nesting materials. This parading typically involves both birds in a pair.
- Habitat
 - North and Central Africa
 - Primarily savannah; also can be found in grasslands, subdesert scrub, rocky areas
- Diet
 - Carnivore - meat eater
 - Favorites are insects, arachnids, cobras, tortoises, and mongooses; also carrion (similar to vultures, they will feed on deceased animals)
- Ecological Benefit
 - Keeps native prey species from overpopulating
 - Cleans up environment
- Conservation
 - IUCN lists as Vulnerable
 - LRZ participates in the SSP (Species Survival Plan)
 - Threats
 - Habitat loss
 - Poaching (for traditional medicine)





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Please help us put the **hornbill** back together! Cut out and use the three provided pieces to glue or tape him back together. You can use 2 clothespins to add his legs so he stands on his own or you can draw legs onto him on this page.



← Example

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Love Hornbills Day Word Search

P	G	Z	N	E	S	T	B	I	R	D	P
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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

AFRICA

BIRD

CARNIVORE

CASQUE

EYELASH

FEATHER

HORNBILL

KERATIN

NEST

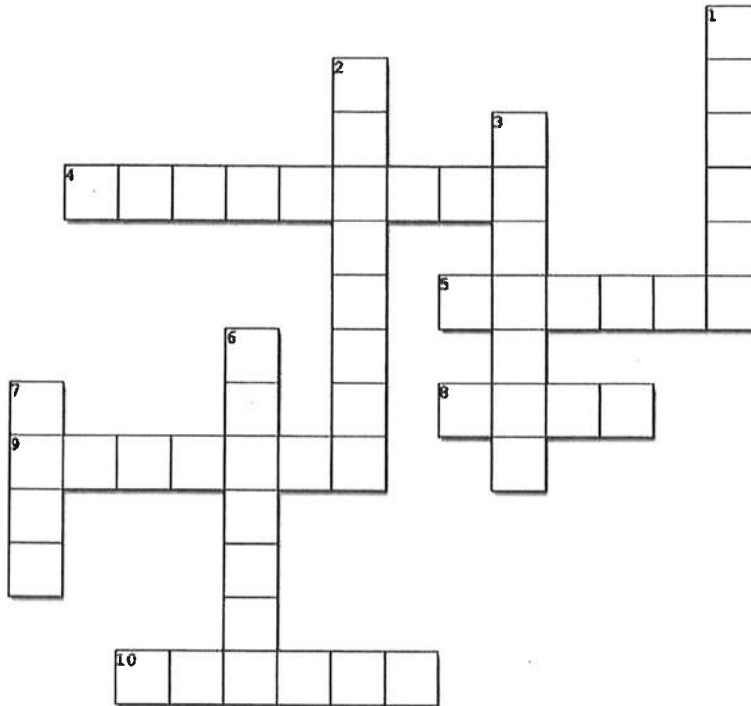
PARADE

SAVANNAH

Name: _____

Love Hornbills Day Crossword

Use the provided Info Sheet to complete the crossword below



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

nest casque bird savannah carnivore keratin eyelash feather parade Africa

Across

4. A meat-eating animal
5. What hornbills do with their prized possessions, typically involves both birds in a pair
8. An animal that has feathers, a beak, and lays eggs
9. A modified feather covering of each eye that helps to protect the eye
10. The continent where Abyssinian Ground Hornbills are found

Down

1. The hollow prominence found on top of a hornbill's large beak
2. The habitat where Abyssinian Ground Hornbills are found
3. What a hornbill's casque is made of
6. The covering found on all birds
7. A structure used by birds for laying or sheltering eggs