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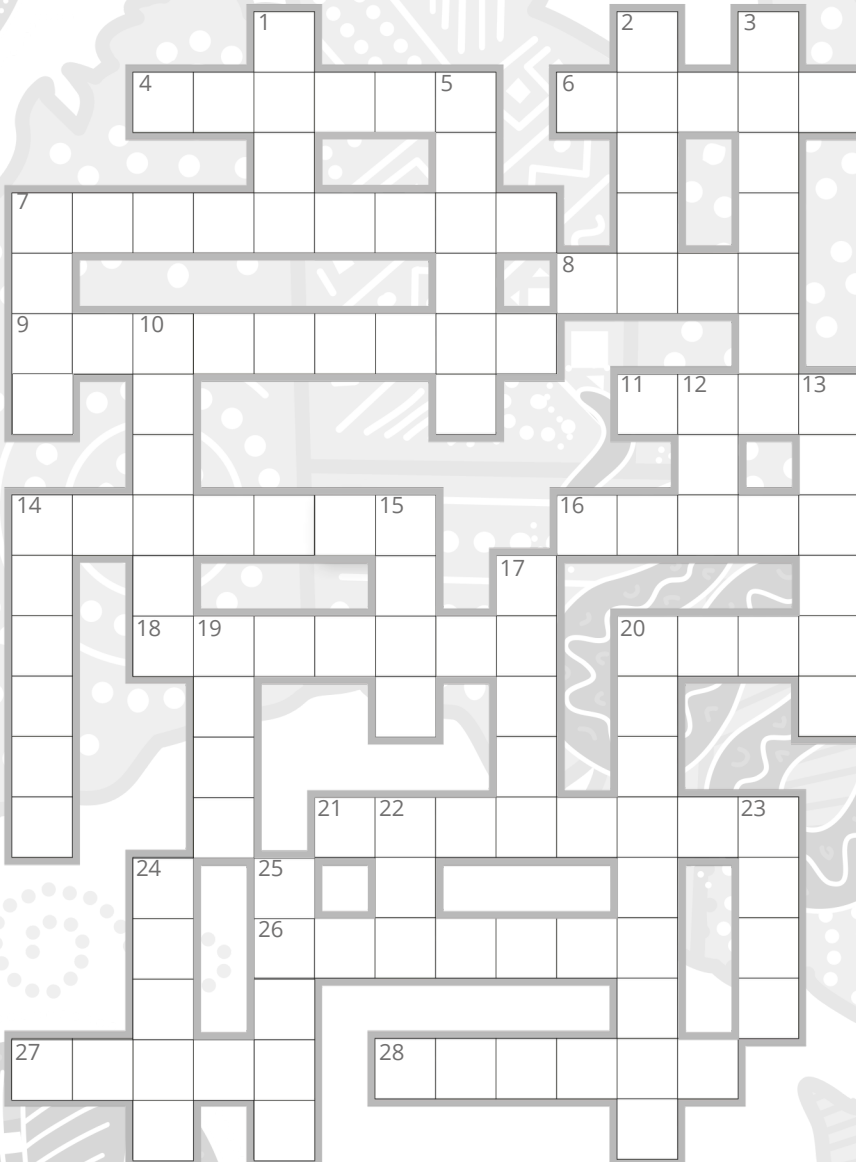
Sadly, many of Australia's animals are threatened. Habitat destruction, changed fire patterns, pollution, and introduced species such as foxes and feral cats are the main reasons why many of our Australian animals are dying.

Solve the crossword puzzle to learn about some of these threatened animals.

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QUESTION SHEET

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Across

4. There are less than 110 Western _____ Parrots left in the whole world. They are almost extinct.

6. _____ impacts on marine wildlife, such as fishing, mining and pollution are reducing the health of The Great Barrier Reef.

7. Face the _____ crossword is a research activity that educates Australians about our endangered animal species.

8. The _____ of Albatross has three toes with webbed skin between for padding.

9. National Threatened Species Day is held on the 7th of September annually. It commemorates the day that the last _____ died.

11. Native grasslands are vital for the survival of the endangered Golden Sun _____. Grazing and weed invasion cause habitat loss resulting in local extinction.

14. "Go Green for _____!" is a fun event held on School's Bilby Day to raise funds and awareness to help save the Bilby.

16. Millions of tonnes of plastic rubbish enter the _____ every year. Marine animals get hurt when entangled, or sick when they mistake it for food.

18. The Rufous Hare-_____ is also known as the Mala. They are extinct on mainland Australia but are surviving in captive populations.

20. The Southern Bent-wing Bat is a tiny _____ dwelling bat.

21. _____ often leave muddy chimneys at the entrance to their watery burrows.

26. Australia has the worst record of mammal extinction in the world. Since European settlement 30 mammal species have become _____.

27. The Alpine Water _____ is a reptile that burrows to shelter away from snow. They give birth to live young and do not lay eggs, which is unusual for a reptile.

28. A _____ is an animal that breathes air, has a backbone, and grows hair. Females have glands that produce milk.

Down

1. When observing wildlife move slowly and quietly and keep your distance. If an animal's behaviour changes you are too close. For example, a scared Echidna will _____ into a ball to display its spines.

2. Grey _____ Sharks are protected throughout Australia and are not considered dangerous to humans.

3. Koalas can only live in bushland where their favourite gum trees grow. Sadly, about 80% of their _____ has been destroyed by human settlement.

5. Most of the world's _____ population now occurs in northern Australian waters. They are sometimes called sea cows.

7. More than 400 Australian wildlife species are being hunted by feral _____. They have contributed to the extinction of 16 mammals.

10. Protecting old-growth forests is important. Many animals including the _____-bellied Glider raise their families in the hollows of large trees.

12. There are only 200 Northern Hairy-nosed Wombats left in the world. They are found in _____ tiny area in Central Queensland.

13. For many years Southern Elephant Seals were _____ and killed for their blubber which was boiled down to make oil.

14. The Boodie is the only macropod that digs a _____ or warren.

15. Scientists use _____ samples to discover which species are in an area, their diet and health, by studying what they leave behind.

17. The tiny Western _____ possum enters a hibernating deep sleep for several days when temperatures are cool and food is scarce.

19. Australia is the driest inhabited continent in the world. The _____ zone is home to animals which have adapted to infrequent rainfall.

20. Holly Bilby was born in 2014, she was given this name as she was born just in time for _____.

22. The White-footed Rabbit-_____ is presumed to be extinct. It has not been seen since the 1860's in Victoria, where it was at one time common and even regarded as a pest.

23. During the dry season, the rivers and creeks of Australia's Top End dry up. Gouldian Finches and other birds flock to their nearest water _____ to drink.

24. The Tasmanian _____ is being captive bred on mainland Australia, to keep a disease free population and help them survive.

25. The Yellow-snouted _____ is a small ground lizard found in only a few locations in the Northern Territory.