



SOUTHERN GROUND HORNBILL

10 wild things you should know:

- 01 These unique birds stand about **1 metre tall** and weigh between **3.5 and 4.5 kilograms**.
- 02 They are **cooperative breeders**. This means there is an alpha male and female that breed. This **alpha pair** will have a few **male "helpers"** that assist with finding food, looking out for danger and defending their territory. Groups can have as many as 12 birds.
- 03 They can live for a very long time, **up to 70 years**.
- 04 They make an **iconic booming sound** usually at dawn and dusk to mark their territory and bond with the other members of their group. They make this booming sound by **inflating the red-coloured skin around their throats**.
- 05 Even though they are called Ground Hornbills and spend much of their time **during the day on the ground** looking for food, **they can fly**.
- 06 Their favourite foods are whatever they can catch - mainly **invertebrates** but also **snakes, lizards, small mammals, and birds**.
- 07 A group of Ground Hornbills will only **fledge one chick per year**.
- 08 They are only **fully grown after about 8 years**.
- 09 They **nest** in cavities high up in **large trees**.
- 10 The biggest threat to the Southern Ground Hornbill is a **loss of habitat and nesting sites**.

EXPLORE MORE:

Southern Ground Hornbills are a unique bird species **endemic** to Africa.



Found out what the word **endemic** means.



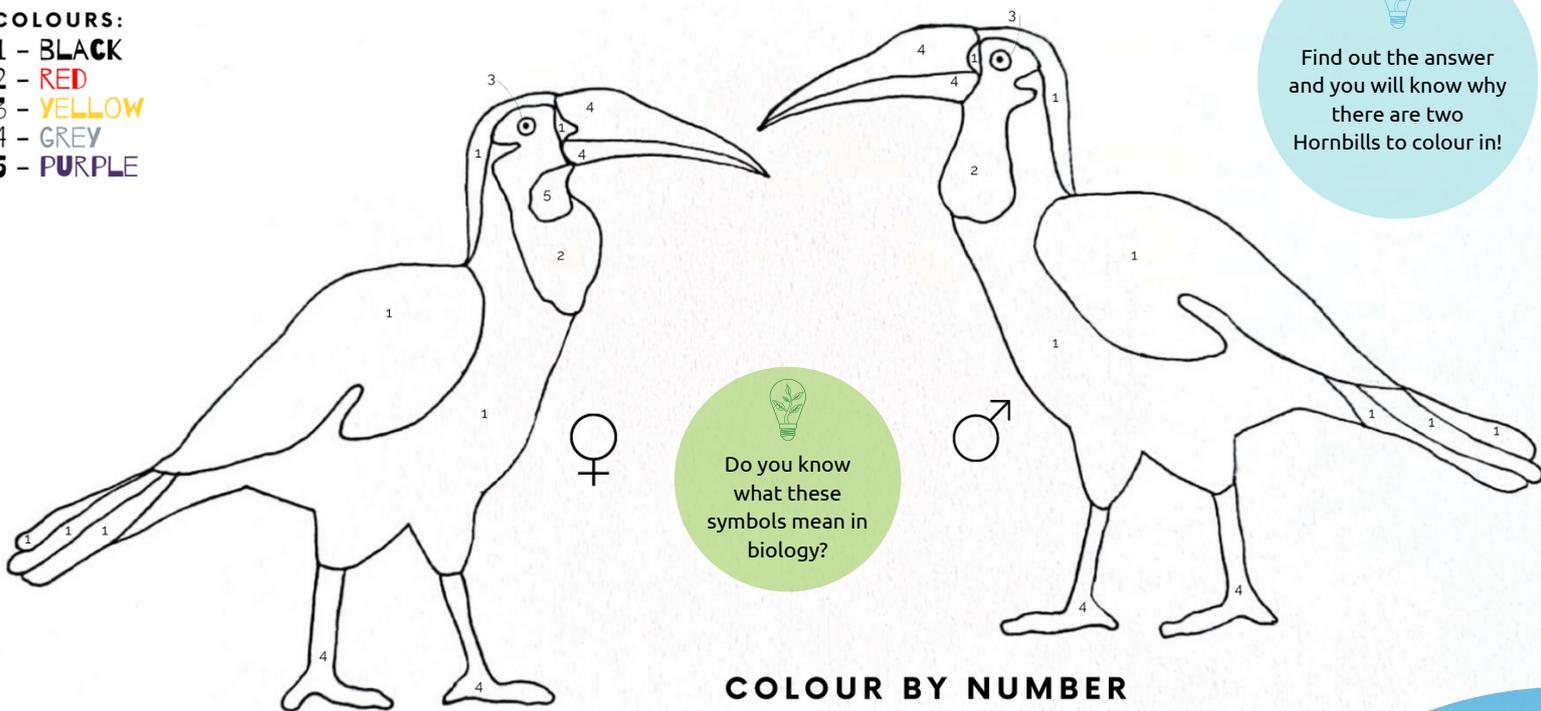
Then explore more about **endemic species** close to where you live.



There are lots of other cool biology words here and you may not know what they mean... be curious and **explore more!**

COLOURS:

- 1 - BLACK
- 2 - RED
- 3 - YELLOW
- 4 - GREY
- 5 - PURPLE



Find out the answer and you will know why there are two Hornbills to colour in!



Do you know what these symbols mean in biology?

COLOUR BY NUMBER SOUTHERN GROUND HORNBILL

REFLECT...

Think about all you have learned about the **Southern Ground Hornbill**.

- **Why** does this wonderfully unique bird species need our help?
- **What** can you do today to help conserve this iconic African animal?



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