

Teacher Resource Guide

CASSOWARIES



This is a great resource for students who are learning about endangered animals that live in our Daintree rainforest.

This resource provides students with a number of activities that will allow them to learn everything they need to know about the Southern Cassowary.

What's included in this resource:

- Cassowary Teachers Guide
- Cassowary Student Worksheet
- Cassowary Display Classroom Poster
- Cassowary Life Cycle Poster
- Video links

Please Note- This resource has been created for teachers to use for free in the classroom or for online learning environments.

Suggested Learning Activities

You can use these resources to help create discussions about why the Southern Cassowary is such an important species.

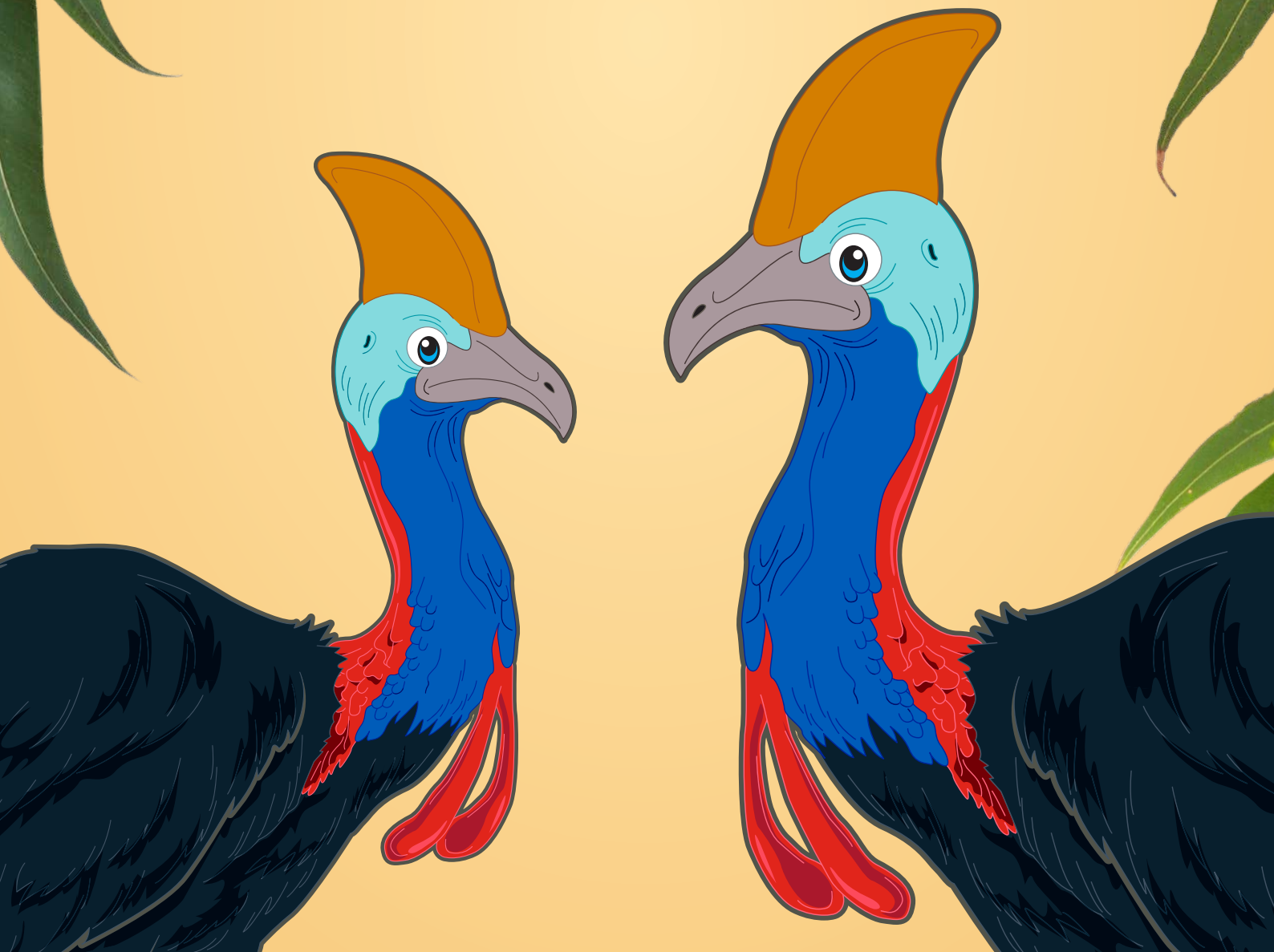
Why not challenge your students to a debate over why we should protect endangered species like the Southern Cassowary or do a web research project on how your school could do to help conservation groups like Rainforest Rescue who are all about reducing threats like habitat loss for this species to survive.

This resource can be used stand alone or in conjunction with an excursion to WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo visit our website <https://www.wildlifesydney.com.au/> for more information about school excursions!



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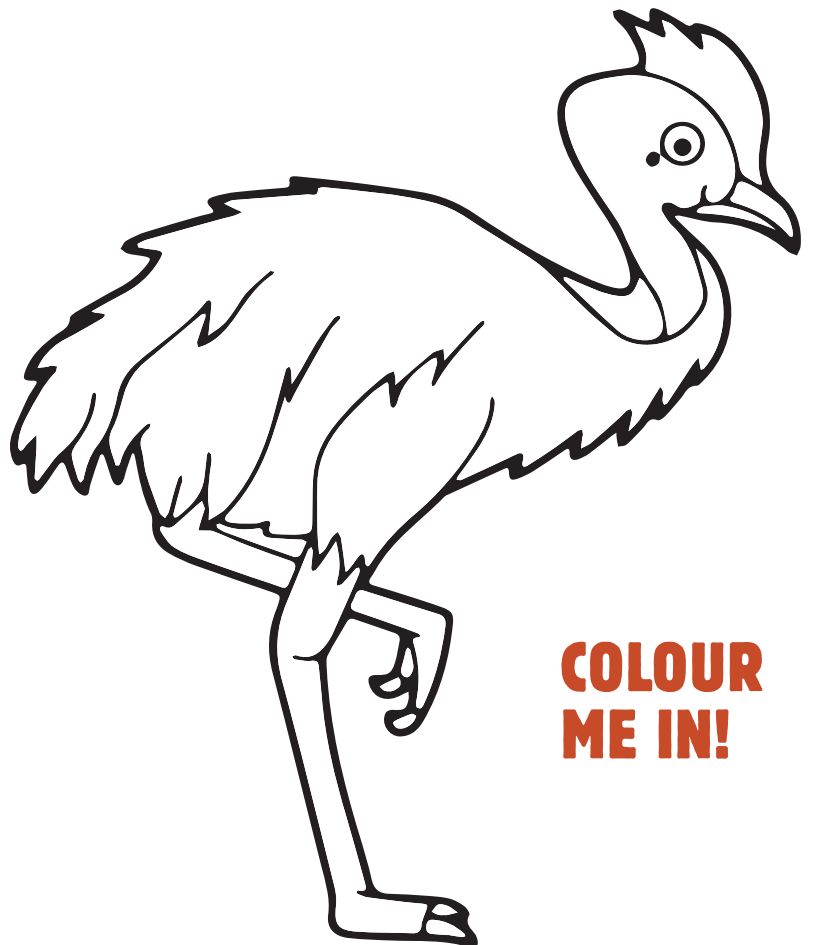


Activity 1

Read the Southern Cassowary classroom poster and select TWO facts you did not know about this animal and write the facts in the space provided below!

Fact 1

Fact 2



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ME IN!**



Activity 2

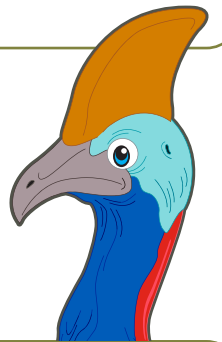
Watch our WILD Life Sydney Zoo Cassowary live stream video presented by our keepers Caroline and Scott.

Fact 1

Fact 2

Question time!

If you had the opportunity to ask our keepers Caroline and Scott a question about cassowaries- what would you like to know?



Questions

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Activity 3

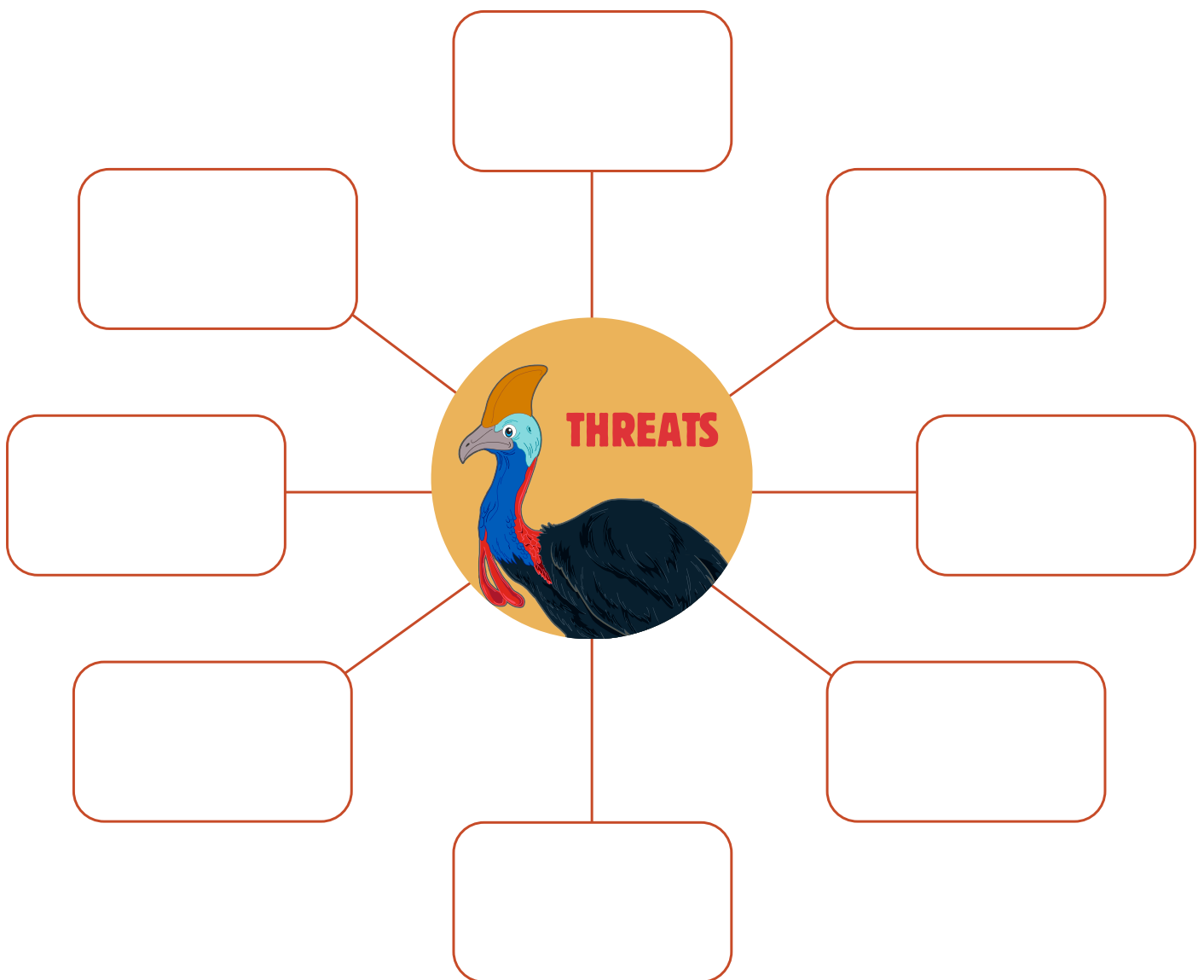
After watching video and looking at the Southern Cassowary Life Cycle poster, write a creative story or a poem about what it is like to be a cassowary parent looking after baby chicks.





Activity 4

Complete a web search to find what threats are causing the cassowary to become endangered, Write your research in the diagram below.





Activity 5

Conservation efforts like Rainforest Rescue are doing amazing work to help reduce habitat loss so that Southern Cassowaries will be around for generations to come. Visit their website <https://www.rainforestrescue.org.au/> to read about the work they are doing.

Design a poster that informs other students and teachers how they can help save endangered species like the Southern Cassowary.





Activity 6

As a whole class hold a debate and use the facts you have learnt about Southern Cassowaries to help write your debate speech.

Select your two teams and which side of the debate you will be arguing the affirmative or negative side.

Debate topics to choose from:

- Cassowaries are critical for the Daintree rainforest to survive.
- Humans should not be blamed for the Southern Cassowary endangered species status.
- Cassowaries are friendly birds.
- Cassowary dads are the best parents in the animal world.

