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# SILENT FOREST

Every day, vast numbers of different species of singers disappear from the forests of Southeast Asia. They are traded, both for breeding and for vain human entertainment (such as singing bird competitions). They are kept in small cages, where many do not survive for more than a few days. The most wanted species have already disappeared from many islands and territories and are thus on the verge of extinction. It is high time to intervene before the forests are completely silenced!

## FLAGSHIP SPECIES

Let's get to know the most famous species of this campaign. We call them "flagship species." Calculate the problems, match them with the letters (see the clue below) and find out their names.

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- 1 **Bali**   
is an endemic species of Bali, which means it lives only on that island. All individuals presently living in the wild have been reared by people, or they are offspring of those that have been so reared.
- 2 **Nias Hill**   
is the largest bird in the family of songbirds. This species continues to survive only on a few islands.
- 3 **Javan Green**   
is almost an extinct species in the wild. This bird has not been seen in the wild since 2007. Only a few individuals have been recorded in bird markets.
- 4 **Sumatran**   
is an endemic species of the island of Sumatra. They are an easy target for hunters because of deforestation and because they are very noisy.
- 5 **Straw-headed**   
is now completely extinct because of over-hunting in many parts of Southeast Asia.
- 6 **White-rumped**   
is a widespread species across Southeast Asia. It can be grouped into at least 14 subspecies, some of which are critically endangered.




Clue:

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How can you help? For example, you can donate your old (but still functional) binoculars to the zoo. They will be sent to children in Asia. You will therefore be contributing to the children's awareness of nature and nature conservation.








# THE PRINCE AND THE BIRD (an Indonesian Fairy Tale)









































"I am the most beautiful  in the world – no one is more beautiful than I!" said the  every morning in front of .

He combed his hair, stroked his face and smiled proudly, this conceit . The prince kept his beloved  in a . The bird was really beautiful with admirable gold-green .




"I'm amazing, aren't I?" the prince asked his bird.

The bird was the prince's best friend. Every time the prince left the palace, he took it  with him in the . He never left the bird alone. The prince also used to tell the  about his everyday events – how he got angry with his servant, how he managed to catch deer, and that sort of thing. Although the  did not answer,  the thought that the bird could understand him. He was his loyal friend, a friend in joy and worries.

One day, a message from the northern kingdom reached the palace. The king of that region wanted his beautiful daughter to marry a good man. Lots of men had courted her but the  had refused them all. Even the richest prince was turned down. This news reached our 's ears. He was immediately determined to court the princess. The king told the  not to boast or be so proud of his appearance. The  may not be interested only in a handsome husband, she might want a man of virtue. The  ignored the father's good advice. He was certain that the  would marry him only because he was so handsome. People were usually astonished when they saw him for the first time. He thought the  might be astonished, too.

The  set out on a . In addition to his luggage, he took his  with him in its . Tired of travelling, the  sat down and started to eat his lunch. While he was feeding his  he asked: "Oh, my , do you think the  is going to be my wife?" But the  continued to peck at his grain and was silent. The  continued his journey. He was carrying the  with his  in it, and talked to him. Then the  was tired again and paused. Again he asked his : "Oh, my , do you think the  is going to be my wife?" The  continued to peck at his grain and seemed disinterested in the  question. The  began to have doubts. Was the  trying to imply something? Whenever the  spoke about the  the  did not listen to him. But when he spoke about other things, the bird listened very carefully. If the  refused to marry the , he would be very unlucky. People would laugh at the most beautiful ! The prince tried to calm down. He was self-confident and believed that the  would be enchanted by his beauty. He continued his journey until he was near the  palace gate. Once again, he asked the : "Oh, my , do you think the  going to be my wife?" The  pretended not to hear. But this time the  got very angry and shouted: "Oh my , if the  does not love me, you will turn into a stone!" The bird immediately turned into . The prince was shocked. His beloved  was gone. The  began to apologize and wished that his dear friend would come back, but this did not happen. The  remained a .

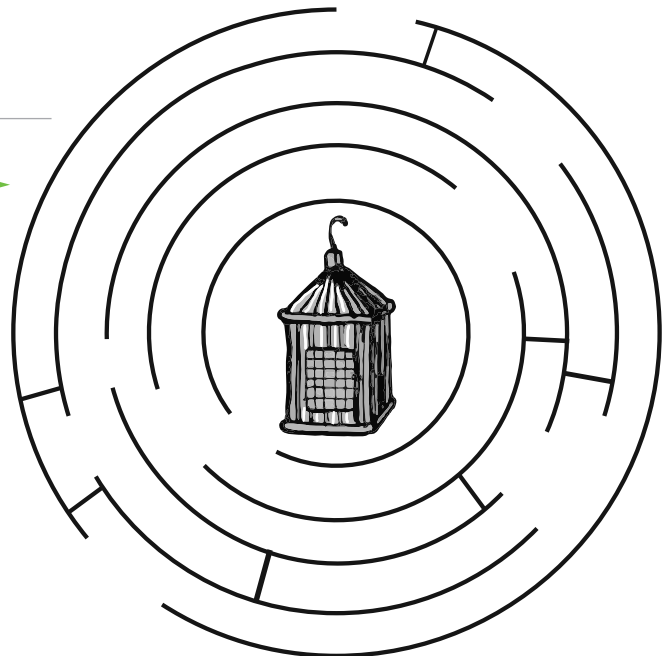
 The dejected prince came back home. He was angry and sad because of the loss of his best friend.

The  was totally innocent. Just because of the prince's selfishness, he had become a . Today, the place where the bird turned into a  is called Batusangkar, which means "a stone in a cage". It is on the island of Sumatra, in Indonesia.



The myna is being hunted by poachers, who are the biggest threat to this bird. Only the last few individuals remain in the wild.

Help the myna find a way back from the cage to nature.



Find the 6 differences



Birds have excellent eyesight, but even this well-developed sense cannot save them from poachers. We will test your sight and perception now.

Can you find six differences between the pictures?



Crossword

- 1) Its bill is yellow \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) It has a long tail, and it makes funny moves with it \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) We often see this bird on a bird feeder \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) It has an orange breast \_\_\_\_\_



We have already met some Southeast Asian songbirds. Now let's deal with ours. Do you know them?

Fill in the crossword and the solution will reveal the name of our greatest singer. \_ \_ V \_ \_