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# HOW THE HOOPOES CAME TO HAVE THEIR TOPKNOT




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It was a long time ago, so long ago that the earth did not belong to humans, but to plants and animals. They lived as needed and did not hunt much. They knew well that it was necessary to proceed so that all the creatures moving on the earth's surface and below it could remain on the earth for as long as possible.

The  grew high then, and the  were even higher. The  were more fragrant, and the animals respected each other, but for one exception: the hoopoes.

But you might not recognize them, because they looked completely different. They differed mainly in two things: First, they were a different color. Today we know them as beautiful orange birds, but they used to shine with a dark red color. The second difference was the topknot, by which we can recognize them today but which they did not have at all then.

The hoopoes were proud birds at that time. They behaved with disdain, stealing wherever they could. Most often, they stole  and fruits from other animals. As you probably know, nowadays, they no longer eat anything like that. And now, we will tell you why:

One day, a hoopoe decided to take some  that were not his. And that was a mistake, the famous  that overran the cup of patience. African all-powerful rulers gathered on  Kilimanjaro, rejoicing in what they would do with the hoopoes. After two days and two nights, a decision was taken.

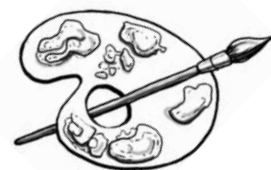
The hoopoes' four sins of pride, greed, falsehood, and disrespect for others will be punished four times, they decided. For each bad trait, one penalty. The ruler of all living things determined that only insects would be food for the hoopoes. Nothing sweet, no fruit, no delicious . The ocean rulers ordered the hoopoes to fly across the vast sea to another continent every year and then return. And that's what they do now. The sun's ruler decided that the hoopoes would forever be seen as they behaved. He pointed the 's rays at the heads of all the hoopoes, and these turned into feathers known as topknots from that moment. The rain ruler drenched all the hoopoes with a heavy, sour rain, which faded their dark red color to orange, and it remained that color forever after. The hoopoes accepted all these sentences without reservation because they realized how badly they had behaved. And so we know them today as beautiful birds who have learned from their mistakes and are welcome visitors in our landscape.

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**WORD SEARCH PUZZLE** *What is the name of a rodent that we return to nature?*



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Solution: European Ground Squirrel

ALPACA LAMPION PALLAS'S CAT SKINK  
DOGS MEERKAT PANDA TAMARIN  
IGUANA PALETTE RAVEN BIRD LYNX



**CROSSWORD**

*If you correctly put together the clusters of letters that at first glance do not make sense, you will find out which animal kept in Brno Zoo is the most massive.*

The answer  
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Solution: Bison

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