



JUNIOR RANGER NEWS

ADVENTURES OF RANGER TABATHA AND RANGER KAI

WELCOME,
JUNIOR
RANGERS!



Orangutan Update



The Orangutan Project (TOP) is the world's foremost not-for-profit organisation, supporting orangutan conservation and rainforest protection in order to save the two orangutan species from extinction. Tabatinga is proud to partner with TOP in their challenge. Each month we will introduce a new orangutan orphan who lives in their Care Centre in remote Borneo.

Introducing Seroja...

Seroja was very weak, dirty and inactive when she arrived at the Care Centre. She received medicine and tender loving care. Her appetite is now excellent and she eats a variety of foods. Her weight increased from 1.3 kg to 8kg in one year.

Seroja was scared of the other orangutans at first. She did not do anything by herself. She would wait for a technician to help her. Now she's self-sufficient and plays with the other orangutans.

Seroja has become fast friends with a young male named Septian. They play and feed together. Seroja is becoming more confident and has developed new skills. She will pile up leaves to use as a nest. Sometimes she sleeps in the hammock with Septian.

You can help too if you like by adopting your own infant orangutan. Ask mum or dad to help and check out www.orangutan.org.au - you can make a difference!



Hello Junior Rangers,

There are two special days around the corner. *National Tree Day* and *Schools Tree Day*.

People plant trees on these days to make Australia beautiful.

Let's go outside and enjoy nature!



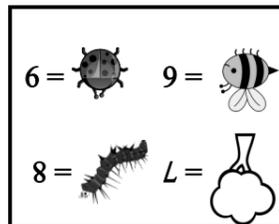
Ranger Tabatha

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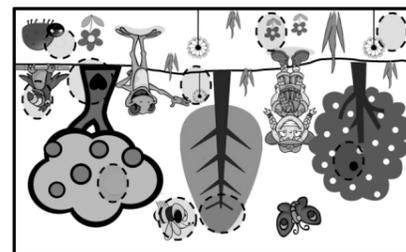
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PUZZLE ANSWERS:



HOW MANY...?:



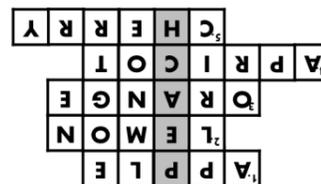
SPOT THE DIFFERENCE:

Secret Phrase: OLIVE TREE



TREE FIND-A-WORD:

EARTH IS THE UNIQUE PLANET



FRUIT TREE SURPRISE:

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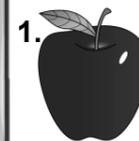
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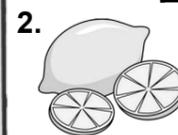
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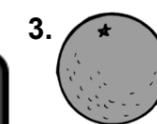
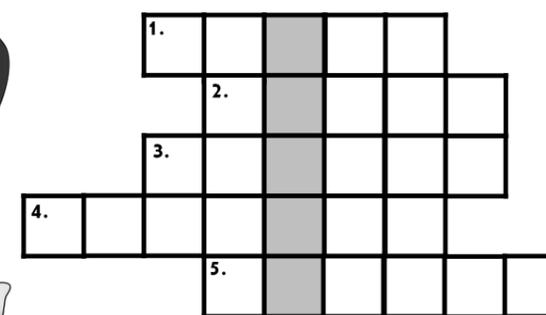
Write the name of each fruit in the correct places. Pictures and scrambled clues are given to help you. A secret fruit tree will be found in the grey squares when you are finished.



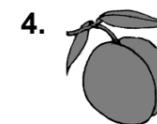
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Joke Corner

Why was the cat afraid of the tree?

It was scared of its bark!



What did the tree wear to the pool party?

Swimming trunks!

TABATINGA TRIVIA & FUN

What did the little tree say to the big tree?

Leaf me alone!



Here's a fun idea! Learn how to plant and grow a tree. What tree will you choose to plant in your garden?

PLANT A TREE



Hi there!
Do you like climbing trees? I do!
Why not ask an adult to help plant a tree in your garden? I'll teach you how. If you don't have a big garden, you can plant a tree in a pot. There are lots of trees to choose from!



July 29th & 31st
Schools Tree Day
National Tree Day



DO YOU KNOW?...

TREES are beautiful! TREES are useful!



Trees do so much!

WHAT GOOD THINGS DO TREES DO?

- filter pollution from the air
- give children somewhere to play
- provide shade
- make food for humans and wildlife
- give shelter from the rain
- help recycle water
- provide homes for animals
- make our planet beautiful

LEAF PRINTS

FIND SOME FALLEN LEAVES IN YOUR GARDEN



Can you find different shaped leaves?

Take some colourful paint, a paint



brush and some paper.

Brush paint onto one side of a leaf. Press onto the paper. Remove



TIP

leaf. Now you have a leaf print!

Try painting different colours on one leaf.

What will your leaf print picture look like?



WHAT YOU NEED:

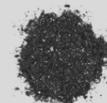
Tree Seedling



Mulch



Potting Mix



Garden Tools



Water



Pot



WHAT YOU DO:

1. Dig a hole in your garden. Make it wide and deep enough to cover the roots.
2. Hold the seedling carefully. Hold it by the base of the stem.
3. Place the roots straight down inside the hole. Don't twist or bend the roots.
4. Make sure there aren't any stones or sticks inside the hole.
5. Cover roots with soil. Fill with enough soil to cover the bottom of the stem.
6. Press soil firmly with your hands or toe.
7. Place mulch around the seedling. Wood chips, bark chips, straw, pine needles or oak leaves are great mulch. Ask an adult about what mulch you should use.
8. If you are using a pot, place potting mix inside the pot. Add about 10% of garden soil. Combine with the potting mix. Follow the instructions above.
9. Water your seedling.
10. Baby trees need to be looked after for three to five years after planting. Continue to water, weed, add compost and mulch to the tree base.

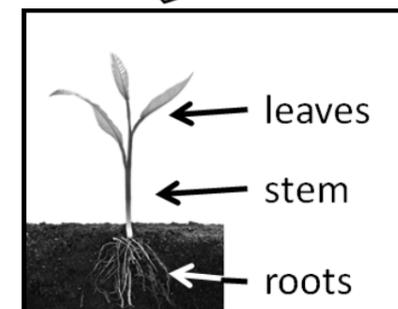
GOOD TREES TO GROW IN POTS:

*citrus trees
olive trees
crepe myrtles
palm trees
frangipani
dwarf banksia
camellia
...and others!*

Tree seedlings can be found in your local garden centre.

Why not grow an Australia native tree?

Wattle, Gum, Bottle Brush, Banksia are all good options!



We'd love to see a photo of your tree. Ask mum or dad to help upload your photo to our Facebook site:
www.facebook.com/Tabatinga

Bronte has found an apple tree!
Colour in the picture.



COLOUR
ME IN

We'd love to see your coloured in picture. Ask mum or dad to help scan and upload your picture to our Facebook site:
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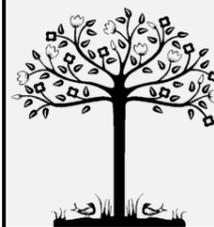
Can you work out the answers to these puzzles?

TREE FIND-A-WORD

Find the TREE words and circle them.
The leftover letters will spell out a tree name.

O	G	A	R	D	E	N	R
L	B	U	S	H	I	V	O
W	T	R	E	E	B	O	
O	S	P	A	R	K	R	T
O	H	T	F	G	R	A	S
D	A	B	R	R	L	N	W
L	D	A	U	E	E	C	A
A	E	R	I	E	A	H	T
N	E	K	T	N	F	E	E
D	F	O	R	E	S	T	R

BUSH	GARDEN	SHADE
BARK	GREEN	TREE
BRANCH	LEAF	WATER
FOREST	PARK	WOODLAND
FRUIT	ROOTS	



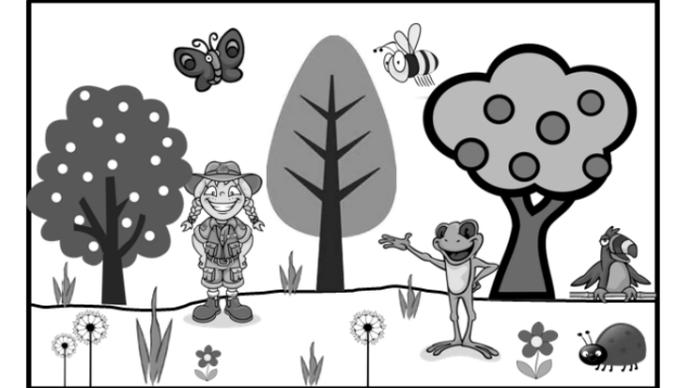
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PUZZLE PAGES

TABATINGA

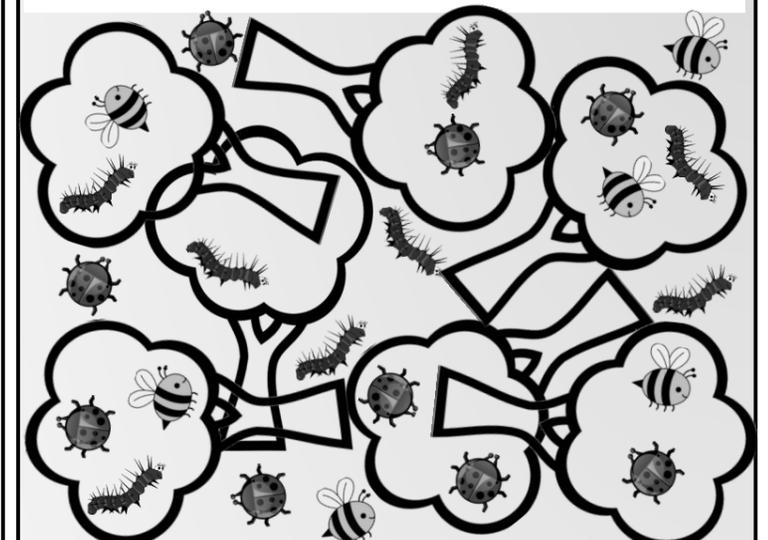
SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot 10 differences between these two pictures?



HOW MANY...?

How many trees can you count?
How many ladybirds can you count?
How many bees can you count?
How many caterpillars can you count?





A chilly breeze rustled through the trees in the rainforest. The breeze wrapped around Ranger Tabatha, Blink the Frog, Snapper the Crocodile, Toco the Toucan and Bronte the Butterfly. But they didn't feel cold. They felt hot. Beads of sweat covered their faces. They worked hard, digging holes in the ground.

'That will be enough holes,' called Ranger Tabatha to the others.

Toco stopped digging and counted twenty-five holes.

'Time to plant the seedlings,' said Ranger Tabatha. 'Hold them gently, and place the roots inside each hole. Then scoop soil into the hole and pat it down.'

Planting trees was hard work, but lots of fun!

Toco picked up a tree seedling. He heard a strange noise.

Munch Munch. Boohoo. Munch Munch. Sniff Sniff.

'Can you hear that sound?' asked Toco.

They all stopped and listened. The noise came again:

Munch Munch. Boohoo. Munch Munch. Sniff Sniff.

'It's coming from Toco!' said Snapper.

'It's coming from Toco's hands!' said Blink.

'Actually,' said Bronte. 'I think it's coming from the seedling inside Toco's hands.'

Toco held a baby gum tree. They all peered closely at the seedling's leaves.

Munch Munch. Boohoo. Munch Munch. Sniff Sniff.

A caterpillar inched along a leaf. Tears trickled from his eyes as he chomped.

'Hello,' said Ranger Tabatha to the caterpillar. 'Can we help you?'

'Katy's gone,' said the sad caterpillar. 'I can't find her anywhere!'

'Who's Katy?' asked Toco.

'My best friend,' said the caterpillar.

'When did you last see her?' asked Snapper.

'Last week,' said the caterpillar. 'We were supposed to meet for lunch in the giant fig tree. Fig leaves are our favourite food.' The caterpillar sobbed. 'But she never turned up.'

'Oh, dear,' said Ranger Tabatha. 'We'll help you look for her. But first, tell us your name.'

The caterpillar humped his back. 'My name's Curly,' he said with a hiccup.

'Well, Curly, let's go and find Katy,' said Ranger Tabatha. She reached out her hand to

Curly. The caterpillar crawled onto her fingers. Ranger Tabatha placed Curly on top of her hat.

'We'll go back to the giant fig tree and look for clues,' said Ranger Tabatha.

They all marched through the rainforest until they reached the giant fig tree. The tree towered above them. Its branches reached out like a huge leafy umbrella.

'What does Katy look like?' said Ranger Tabatha.

'Katy is small, green and hairy.'

She's a caterpillar like me,' said Curly.

'It's time to look for clues,' Ranger

Tabatha announced to the others.

'Examine the bark, investigate every

branch and don't leave any leaf unturned.'

Everyone scattered around the trunk and

began to climb the fig tree. Toco and

Bronte flew to the very top.

There were rustles and shuffles and

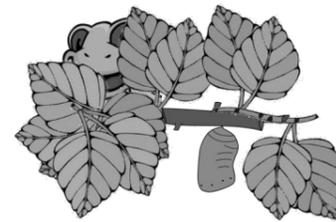
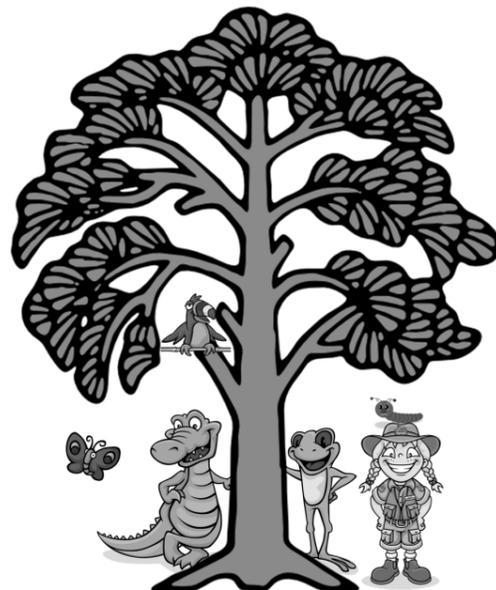
scuffles and scratches as everyone

searched the tree.

'Here's something strange,' called Blink. 'It might be a clue.'

He peeped through the leaves halfway up the fig tree.

'We're coming,' said Ranger Tabatha.



There were more rustles and shuffles and scuffles and scratches as everyone climbed towards Blink's position. Something dangled from a branch.

'What is it?' said Snapper.

'It looks silky,' said Toco.

'It's a beautiful shade of green,' said Ranger Tabatha.

'It's skin is smooth,' said Blink.

Bronte took one look and shrieked with excitement, 'I know what it is!'

She flitted through the air.

'What is it?' the others asked.

'It's Katy!' said Bronte.

'That's not Katy,' said Curly. 'Katy is a caterpillar. She doesn't look like...whatever that *thing* is!'

'It is Katy!' said Bronte firmly. 'That *thing* is a cocoon. Katy is asleep inside the cocoon.'

'How do you know that's a cocoon?' asked Toco.

'Because I once lived inside a cocoon,' said Bronte. 'Cocoons are homes for

butterflies.'

Everyone gasped and stared at Bronte with amazement.

Curly frowned, deep in thought. 'But Katy isn't a butterfly,' he said. 'Katy is a caterpillar.'

Bronte somersaulted through the air. 'Can I tell you a secret?' she said.

'Yes,' said Curly, still looking puzzled.

'I used to be a caterpillar,' she said.

Everyone's mouths dropped open with astonishment. Curly's eyes opened wide.

Snapper nearly fell out of the tree!

'Impossible,' said Toco. 'You look nothing like a caterpillar.'

Bronte smiled. 'It's true. Caterpillars spin a cocoon around themselves. They go

to sleep for a while. Then, one day, out pops a butterfly.'

Curly inched closer to the cocoon. He knocked on its silky skin with one of his

feelers. 'Are you in there, Katy?' he said. 'Won't you come outside and play with me?'

There was silence. Nothing happened. Curly moved away, disappointed.

Suddenly, Ranger Tabatha shouted, 'It's moving!'

The cocoon quivered and shivered and wobbled and swayed.

Two feelers burst through the end of the cocoon. It jostled some more and out popped a head.

'Katy!' cried Curly. 'Is that you?'

The cocoon rocked back and forth. Out came a slender body, lots of legs and two colourful wings.

'Hello, Curly' whispered the new butterfly. 'It's me.' Katy looked weary. She clung to the outside of

the cocoon. Her wings were wet.

'Katy needs rest,' said Bronte. 'It's hard work coming out of a cocoon. And her wings need to dry.'

Everyone climbed down the tree so Katy could rest. They sat beside the trunk and began to play *I-spy-*

with-my-little-eye.

They played for a long time. It came to Toco's turn.

'I spy with my little eye, something beginning with *K*,' said he with a big grin.

Nobody could guess the answer! What started with the letter *K*?

'I know the answer,' said a delicate voice. 'It's my name...Katy!'

A creature with rainbow wings floated down to the ground.

It was Katy.

But where was Curly? He wasn't around to greet his friend. Curly had disappeared.

'I know where Curly is,' said Katy. She nodded towards a high branch.

Everyone looked up. A brand new cocoon swayed in the breeze. How long would it take Curly to

change from a caterpillar into a butterfly?

