

—Courtesy Project Jonah

The Sad Tale of a Whale

Imagine that you are a whale. You are huge. You weigh more than three thousand people. Thick fat, called blubber, warms you and helps you float.

As a baby, you drank your mother's milk. You breathe air. You sing whale songs to call your friends.

You can swim thousands of miles. You have no real enemies except one: *people.*

The blue whale is the largest animal ever to have lived on earth. It is as long as three railroad cars. Its tongue is as big as a Volkswagen. A full grown trout could swim through its large blood vessels.

Huge factory ships 750 feet long can cut up an 80 ton whale in 30 minutes. All the things made from whales could be man-made.

A whale is killed every 14 minutes. If it isn't stopped soon there will be no more whales. No one is sure how whales help in nature's balance. Would you still like to be a whale?

The Short Kind

America's Buffalo Nickel

If you ever see a nickel with the head of an Indian on one side, and a buffalo on the other, it is a rare coin. Buffalo nickels were first minted in 1913. The last year they were made was 1938.

The head of the Indian is of many Indians, to represent all of the original tribes in America. But the buffalo was real. His name was Black Diamond. He lived in the Central Park Zoo in New York. He was 19 when the drawing was made, and lived until he was 22.

J.E. Fraser designed this nickel.



-The Smithsonian Institution

Humane Society Helps Coyotes



Leonard Lee Rue IV/FPFG

The Humane Society has just gone to court to stop the poisoning of coyotes.

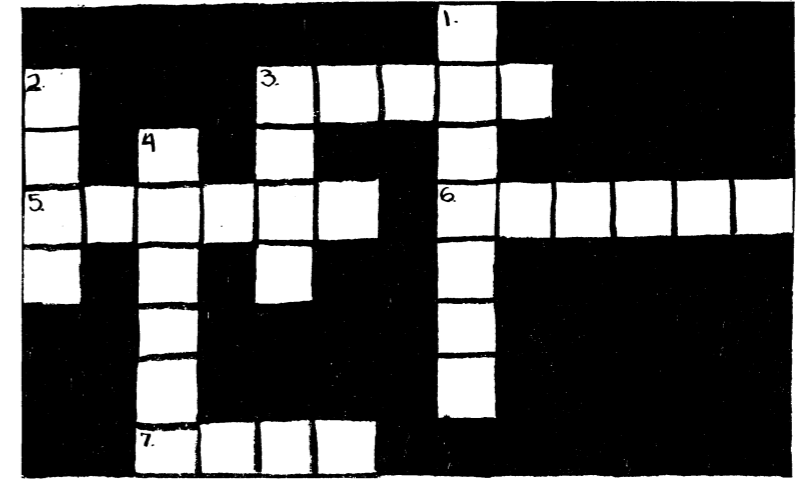
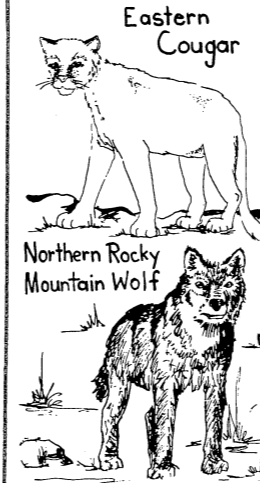
The President has already issued an order to stop this poisoning. But sheep ranchers complained that coyotes were killing their sheep.

So the Environmental Protection Agency let some ranchers use poisons again. They said it was to see if poison would control coyotes.

The court issued an order to stop the poisoning. Perhaps when the case is heard, the court will ban the use of poisons entirely.

Fun

Threatened Wildlife In The U.S.

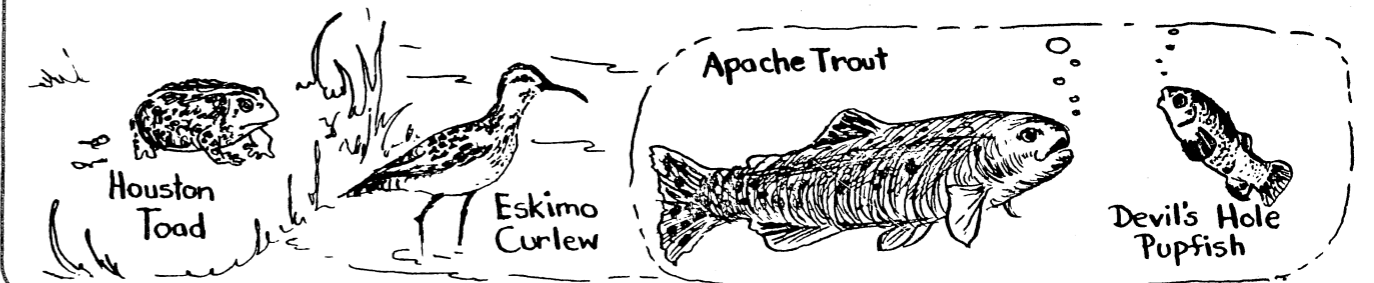


ACROSS

- 3. Fish with an indian name
- 5. Sometimes called a mountain lion
- 6. A bird of prey
- 7. Big cousin of the coyote

DOWN;

- 1. A fish with a dog's name
- 2. A southern water-loving bird
- 3. A great garden friend
- 4. A northern bird



ANSWERS: You'll find them in the pictures.

From You


Branch Club News

The Wolves Kindness Club made bird feeders out of small tree stumps. Their teacher's husband brought wood and nails and helped them.

The Wolves are in the fourth grade at Alderwood Elementary School in Bellingham, Washington. Their Teacher is Mrs. Kathy Ball.



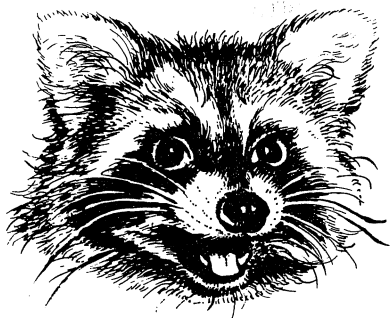
Bird Feeders Made By "The Wolves"

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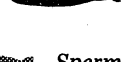








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From Me



- **Baleen
Whales**
- **Toothed
Whales**

-  *Blue Whales 100 ft*
-  *Fin Whales 80 ft*
-  *Right Whales 60 ft*
-  *Sei Whales 60 ft*
-  *Humpback Whales 50 ft*
-  *Brydes Whales 50 ft*
-  *Grey Whales 45 ft*
-  *Minke Whales 30 ft*
-  *Sperm Whales 60 ft*
-  *Killer Whales 30 ft*
-  *Bottlenosed Whales 15-30 ft*
-  *Pilot Whales 22 ft*
-  *White Whales 18 ft*
-  *Narwhals 15 ft*
-  *Dolphins 8 ft*
-  *Porpoises 8 ft*

Dear friends,

Have you ever seen a whale? I haven't. Scientists think they help keep the oceans alive and healthy.

The article on page one tells about Project Jonah. It is a worldwide children's movement to save all the whales from being killed off.

You can help. Order a whale poster/petition for your school (\$1.00) and get your classmates to sign it. Do a report on whales in school and urge others to help save whales.

Your friend,
Arakun