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AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL DISCOVERY



Southern Cassowary

My 10-page learning book

For curious learners aged 5 to 9

What am I?



I am a large flightless rainforest bird.

Spell my name

SOUTHERN CASSOWARY

C A S S O W A R Y

Clap the syllables

cas - so - war - y

Say it slowly. Clap once for each part.

Now say the whole name smoothly.

Write the name three times:

What do I look like?



I have glossy black feathers, a blue neck, red wattles and a tall casque on my head.

Look closely. Point to one feature that helps you recognise me.

What do I do?



I walk quietly through rainforest and spread seeds in my droppings.

Movement challenge: Can you move safely like me for five seconds?

What do I eat?



I mainly eat fallen fruit, along with fungi and small animals.

Think: Am I a herbivore, carnivore or omnivore? Use my food clues to explain.

Where do I live?



In Australia, I live in the tropical rainforests of far north Queensland.

Draw my habitat here: trees, water, grass, rocks or another safe home.

How do I grow up?



The father incubates the green eggs and leads the striped chicks.

Tell a partner: What does the parent or habitat provide for the young?

Amazing fact!



I can swallow some large fruits whole and carry their seeds far through the forest.

Share the fact in your own words. Start with: "Did you know...?"

Show what you know

1. Spell Southern Cassowary.

2. Where does this animal live?

3. What does it eat?

4. Name one special body feature.

5. Tell one amazing fact.

Great work, wildlife explorer!