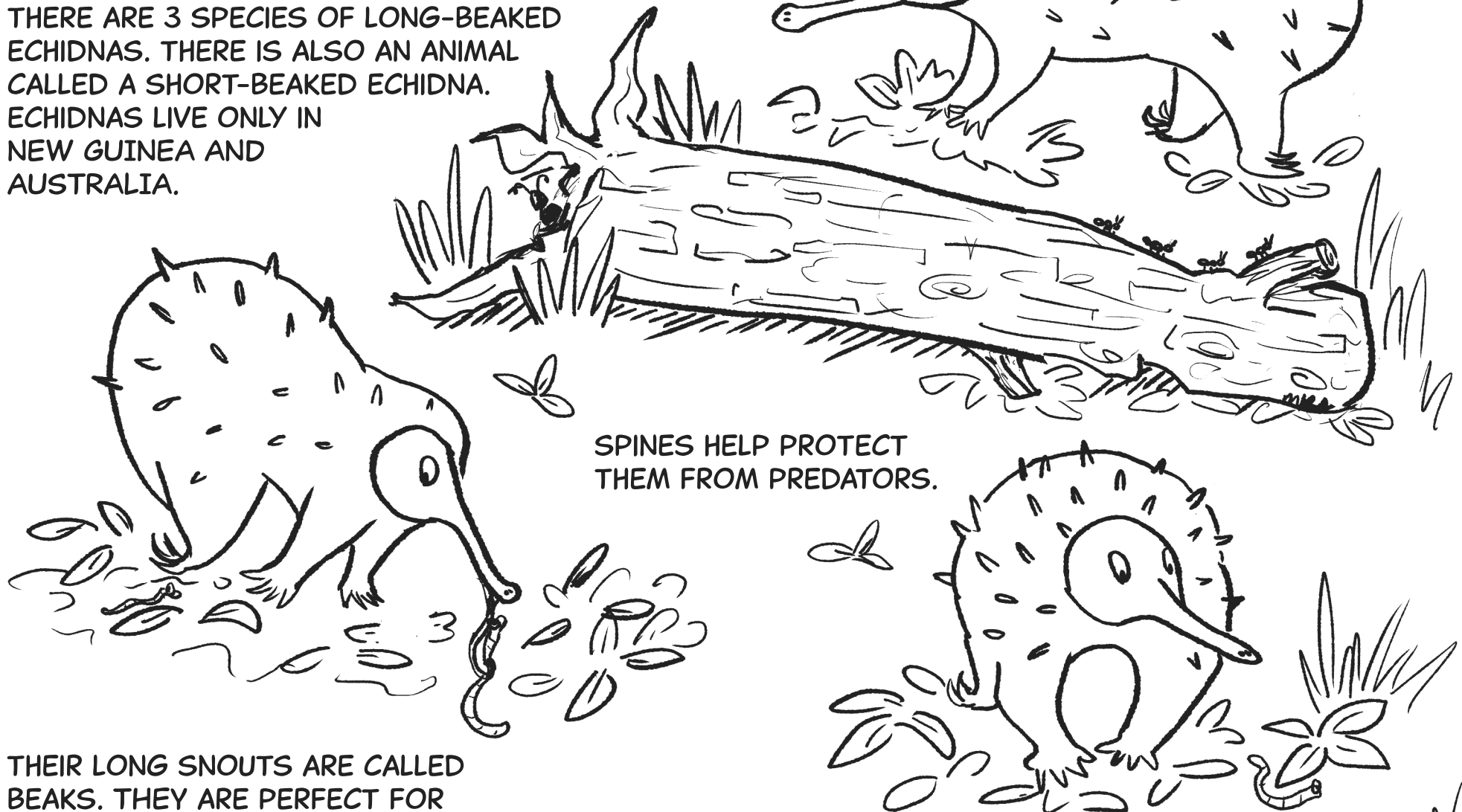


LONG-BEAKED ECHIDNA

THERE ARE 3 SPECIES OF LONG-BEAKED ECHIDNAS. THERE IS ALSO AN ANIMAL CALLED A SHORT-BEAKED ECHIDNA. ECHIDNAS LIVE ONLY IN NEW GUINEA AND AUSTRALIA.

ECHIDNAS ARE A TYPE OF EGG-LAYING MAMMAL CALLED A MONOTREME.

CLAWS ON HIND LEGS ARE CURVED BACKWARDS TO HELP WITH DIGGING.



SPINES HELP PROTECT THEM FROM PREDATORS.

THEIR LONG SNOUTS ARE CALLED BEAKS. THEY ARE PERFECT FOR DIGGING AROUND FOR JUICY WORMS AND INSECTS. ECHIDNAS HAVE A LONG STICKY TONGUE TO SLURP UP FOOD.

A WILD ATTENBOROUGH'S LONG-BEAKED ECHIDNA WAS PHOTOGRAPHED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 2023!

