

GIRAFFE SUPER SPOTS

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While they munch on twigs, leaves, and flowers
Giraffes' super spots give them superpowers!

camouflage

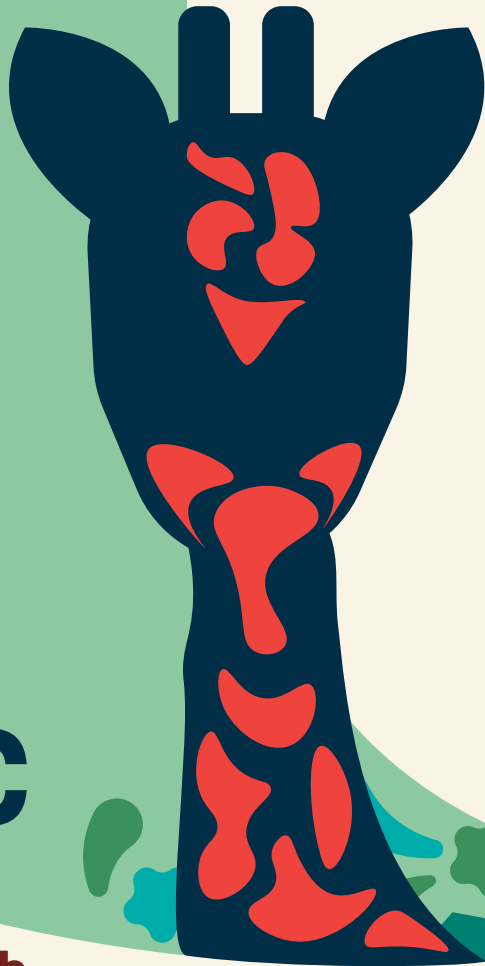
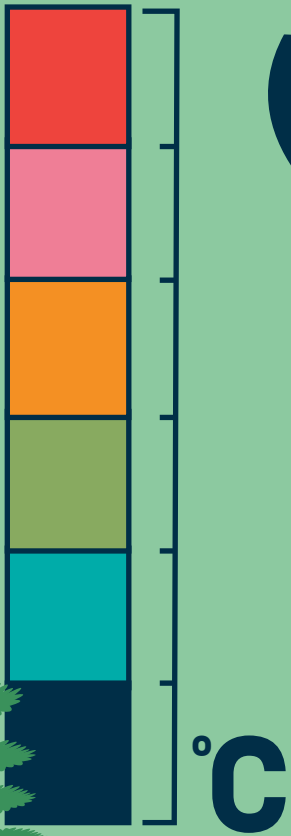
Camouflage power is quite cunning,
I bet you didn't see that one coming!
Dappled light through a woodland patch
And a giraffe's spots are a perfect match.
When the sun and shadows are just right
A giraffe will be completely out of sight.
The optical illusion breaks up its shape,
No need to make a quick escape.
A power that helps giraffes survive,
Escape their predators and stay alive.



socialize

The second power is an inherited trait
That gives giraffe spots their color and shape.
An ID for giraffes to recognize
With whom they'd like socialize.
Their lineage and ancestry is on their coat,
The ultimate way to self promote.
When adult giraffes associate
Spots help with whom they will, or will not mate.



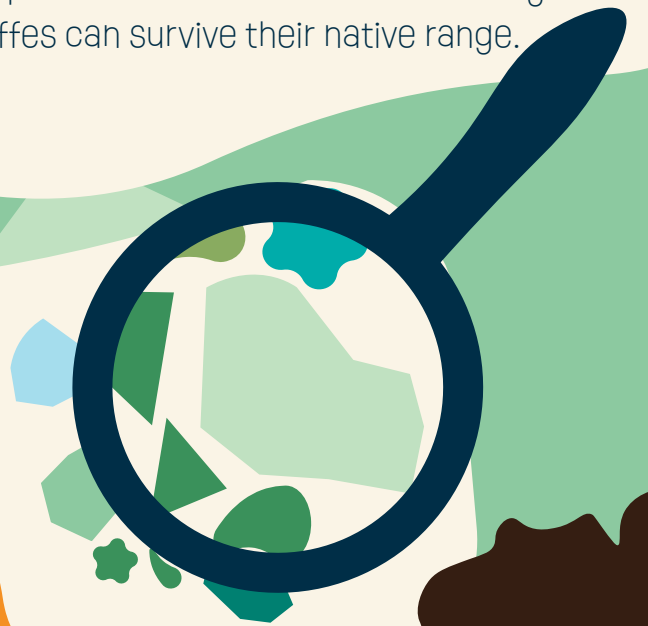


thermoregulation

The last power of spots is thermoregulation, Accomplished by the spots formation. Blood vessels under spots expand and contract, If there is a temperature change spots will react. To cool them down under the sunny skies Spot sweat glands have increased in size. And the spots' blood vessels then dilate So the heat from the giraffe can dissipate. No matter what weather the giraffes endure, Spots help keep them the perfect temperature. We must protect our climate for it can change How giraffes can survive their native range.

research

Researchers studying giraffes use spots to know If populations shrink or grow. And where giraffes gather to meet, Or where they prefer to go and eat. Knowing where giraffes go on the map Will help us save their habitat.



support

There is one last thing that is sadly true, Even super spots need help from you. To help keep all giraffes safe and free Will take some work from you and me. With World Giraffe Week we do our part To celebrate these living works of art. These tall animals will come up short If we don't provide them our support.



Spread the word that giraffes need our help!