

OBSERVATION

Critter Corner

What do you think this seal is doing?



DMYTRO PYLYPENKO / SHUTTERSTOCK

A. Laughing B. Getting ready for school C. Yawning

Answer: C

SUBSCRIBE TO NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LITTLE KIDS!

CALL TOLL FREE: 1 (800) 647-5463

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.–8 p.m. CT, Saturday: 8 a.m.–6 p.m. CT

natgeo.com/littlekids/subscribe

 NATIONAL
GEOGRAPHIC

Little

kids

THE MAGAZINE FOR YOUNG EXPLORERS

LOOK INSIDE:
ANIMAL CARDS!



Little
Ermines



Why?

Why do you think bugs have antennae?



This grasshopper's antennae are like a nose. They help it smell. Other insects may use antennae to feel and taste.

SORTING

What Is Different?

Look at each picture in the top row.
Find the differences between it and the one below.



Find one
difference.

Find two
differences.

Find three
differences.

That's Cool!

Meet the eyelash viper.

The
eyelash
viper lives in
trees in rain
forests.

This
snake hunts
frogs, rodents,
lizards, and
bats.

The
pointy scales
above its
eyes look like
eyelashes.

SCALES



NAMING

What in the World Are These?



_GLOO



_OUNTAIN



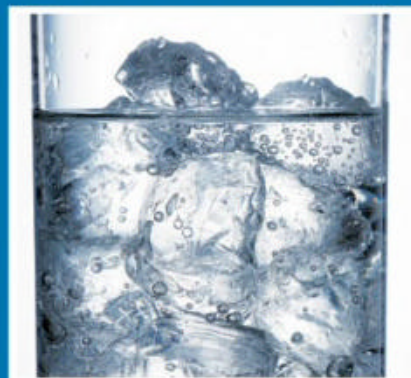
_NOWMAN



_EAS



_CE CREAM



_ATER



_CICLES



_ROZEN POPS



_CEBERG

NAME SOME OTHER COLD THINGS.

TOP ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): RADIUS IMAGES / GETTY IMAGES; YASUKO AOKI / A.COLLECTIONRF / GETTY IMAGES; SMIT / SHUTTERSTOCK.
MIDDLE ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): © ELISABETH GOELFEN FOOD / ALAMY; DAN KOSMAYER / SHUTTERSTOCK; FOODCOLLECTION RF / GETTY
IMAGES. BOTTOM ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): © OCEAN / CORBIS; © INDEXSTOCK / SUPERSTOCK; © STEVE ALLEN / DREAMTIME.

ANIMALS

BUSY ERMINES



The ermine darts across the snow. It lives in fields and forests where it is cold most of the year.

An ermine is so light it can run across the top of the snow without sinking.

An ermine looks
under rocks for
food. It races up
and down trees.
It twists and turns
around bushes.



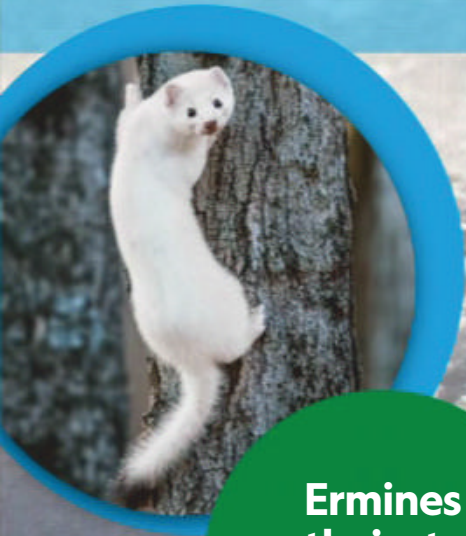
BLACK TIP

As the
ermine runs,
its tail swings
behind it.

The
tail's black tip
confuses hawks
that try to catch
the ermine.

Ermines are busy hunters. They eat squirrels, birds, lemmings, and other small animals.

Most adult ermines are shorter than your arm.



Ermines use their strong claws to dig and climb.



Sometimes an ermine digs a tunnel under the snow. When it finds another animal's den, the ermine slips inside and catches its dinner.

In the summer,
an ermine's
fur blends in
with plants
and rocks.



SUMMER COAT

SNOW DEN



WINTER COAT

In the winter,
it blends in
with snow.

**Ermines
sleep in dens in
snow and under
rocks. They also
sleep in holes in
trees.**

NAME GAME

Point to each letter. Say the sound it makes. Then draw a line with your finger from each letter to the animal whose name starts with the same sound.

DRAGONFLY



B

M

What letter
does your name
start with?

SEAL



K

FISH



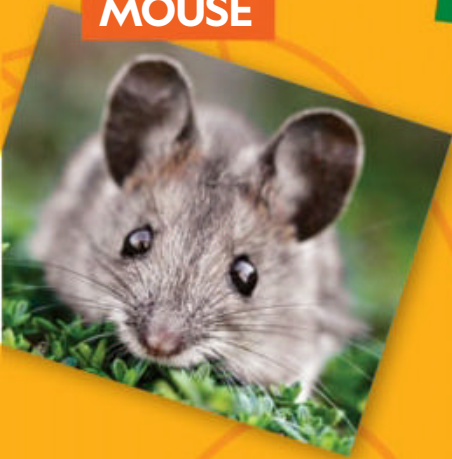
S

KANGAROOS



D

MOUSE



BEAR



F

PAUL REEVES PHOTO / SHUTTERSTOCK (DRAGONFLY); KLETR / SHUTTERSTOCK (FISH); IDIZ / SHUTTERSTOCK (KANGAROOS); ACHIM BAGUE / SHUTTERSTOCK (SEAL); © LUKAS BLAZEK / DREAMTIME (MOUSE); DEMON89 / ISTOCK (BEAR)

ANIMALS

MOUNTAIN

GORILLAS

NOW
SHOWING!

GORILLA
VIDEO

[natgeolittlekids
.com/january](http://natgeolittlekids.com/january)

12 JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2019

Mountain gorillas live in family groups called troops. They live in mountain forests.

A baby gorilla rides on its mom's back until it is two or three years old.

Every morning the gorilla troop walks through the forest to look for food. The biggest and strongest adult male leads the way.



Adult males are called silverbacks because their fur is silvery gray.

SILVERBACK

A group of gorillas, including adults and young, are gathered in a dense, green forest. One adult gorilla is standing on the right, looking towards the camera. Several other gorillas are sitting or standing among the foliage on the left and in the center.

Gorillas
eat leaves, fruit,
wild celery,
tree bark, and
roots.

A group of gorillas, including adults and young, are gathered in a dense, green forest. One adult gorilla is standing on the right, looking towards the camera. Several other gorillas are sitting or standing among the foliage on the left and in the center.

A mountain
gorilla troop
can have up to
30 members.

A young gorilla is shown in a circular frame, climbing a thick, green bamboo stalk. The gorilla is looking towards the camera with a curious expression.

In the afternoon,
the adults relax
together. The
little gorillas play
and climb trees.
Sometimes the
grown-up gorillas
join the fun too.

MEET MORE APES



ORANGUTANS

Gorillas are apes.
Here are a few
other apes.



BONOBO

CHIMPANZEE



NUMBER FUN

Smile ① time when you see the zebra.

Clap ② times when you find the birds.

Tug your ear ③ times when you find the elephant.

Touch your nose ④ times when you find the pig.

Blink ⑤ times when you see the giant panda.



GIANT PANDA



ZEBRA

BIRDS



PIG



ELEPHANT



PLOYPENUK / SHUTTERSTOCK (BIRDS); TALSEN / SHUTTERSTOCK (PIG); © HUPENG / DREAMSTIME (PANDA); FOUR OAKS / SHUTTERSTOCK (ZEBRA); © ISTOCK / NIGHTOWILZA (ELEPHANT)

A POND FREEZES

1

In summer this pond is filled with water. Water gets colder as winter approaches.



2

The pond starts to freeze in winter. The water is turning from liquid water to solid ice.





3

The weather stays cold. Now the entire top of the pond is frozen. When the ice gets thick enough, kids can ice-skate with their parents!



WOOD DUCK!

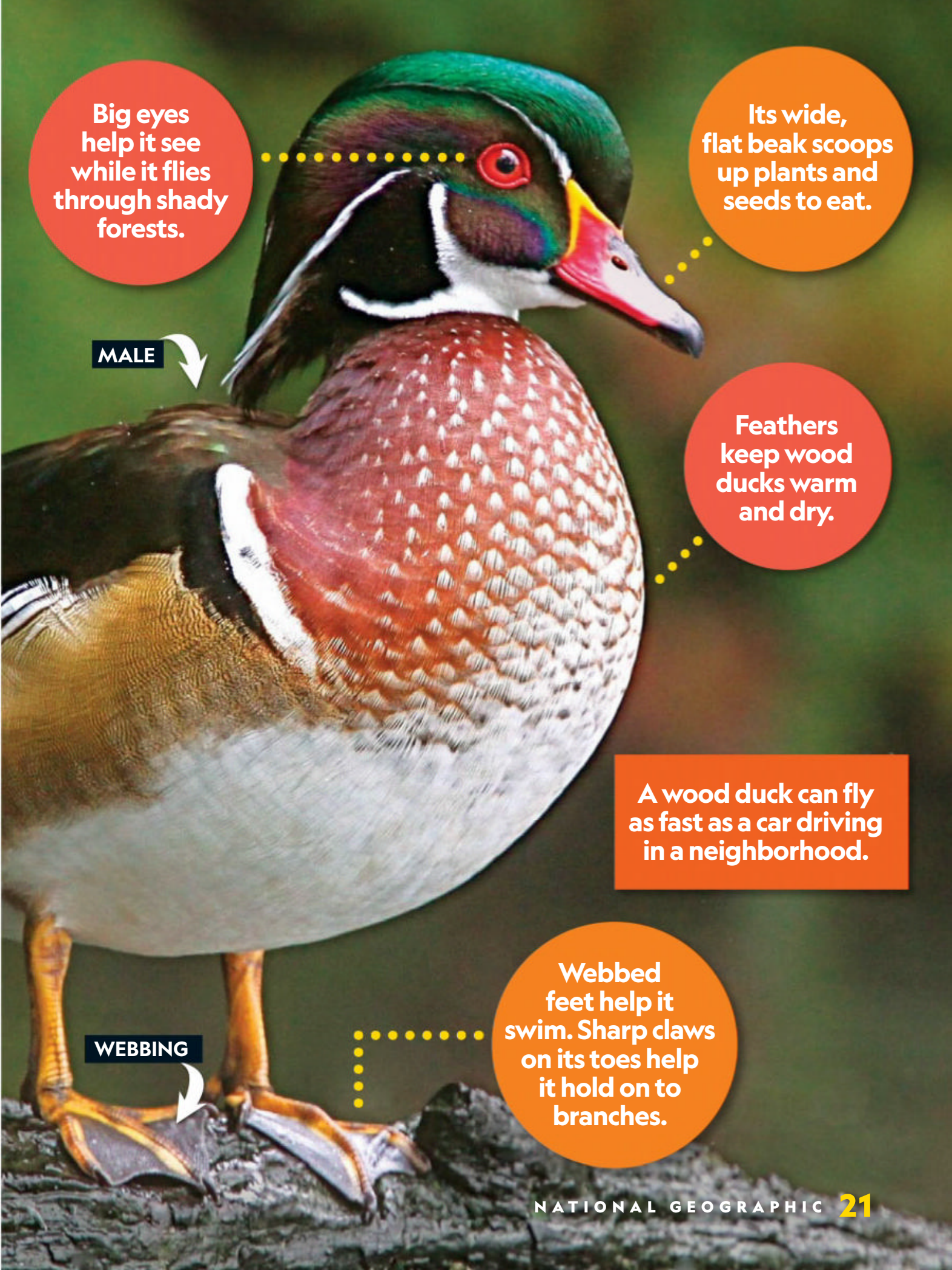
Wood ducks live in swamps, ponds, and streams. They make their nests in trees. This bird has the perfect body for both water and trees.

Short, wide wings help it fly between tree branches.



Male wood ducks are more colorful than females.

The long, wide tail helps a wood duck balance in trees.



Big eyes help it see while it flies through shady forests.

Its wide, flat beak scoops up plants and seeds to eat.

MALE

Feathers keep wood ducks warm and dry.

A wood duck can fly as fast as a car driving in a neighborhood.

WEBBING

Webbed feet help it swim. Sharp claws on its toes help it hold on to branches.

LOOKING FOR

Trace each shape with your finger.
Then match each shape to the
object with the same shape.



FERRIS WHEEL



SEA STAR



SHAPES

PIZZA

CIRCLE

WAFFLE

Look around. What shapes do you see in things around you?

RTIMAGES / SHUTTERSTOCK (DOOR); VITALLY / SHUTTERSTOCK (FERRIS WHEEL); BESTV / SHUTTERSTOCK (PIZZA); CIGDEM SEAN COOPER / SHUTTERSTOCK (SEA STAR); PAULZHUK / SHUTTERSTOCK (WAFFLE); © THOMAS MANGELSEN / MINDEN PICTURES (COVER)

**Editor in Chief and Vice President,
Kids Magazines & Digital**
Rachel Buchholz

Executive Editor

Marfé Ferguson Delano

Vice President, Visual Identity

Eva Abscher-Schantz

Design Director, Magazines

Eileen O'Tousa-Crowson

Editorial Ruth A. Musgrave, *Contributing Writer*

Photo Shannon Hibberd, *Senior Photo Editor*;
Hillary Leo, *Contributing Photo Editor*

Art Dawn McFadin, *Contributing Designer*

Production Sean Philpotts, *Director*

Digital Laura Goertzel, *Director*;

Tirzah Weiskotten, *Video Manager*

Administration Michelle Tyler, *Editorial Assistant*

International Magazine Publishing

Yulia Petrossian Boyle, *Senior Vice President*;
Jennifer Jones, *Business Manager*;
Rossana Stella, *Editorial Manager*

Finance Jeannette Swain, *Senior Budget Manager*;
Tammi Colleary-Loach, *Senior Manager, Rights Clearance*;
Pinar Taskin, *Contracts Manager*

Consumer Marketing

John MacKethan, *Vice President and General Manager*;
Mark Viola, *Circulation Planning Director*;
Richard J. Brown, *Acquisition Director*

Market Services

Tracy Hamilton Stone, *Research Manager*

Publicity

Caitlin Holbrook, *Publicist (202) 857-5882*

PUBLISHED BY

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC Partners, LLC

Chief Executive Officer Gary E. Knell

Chairman of the Board of Directors Peter Rice

Executive Vice President and General Manager,

National Geographic Media

David Miller

Senior Vice President, Kids Media, Content

Jennifer Emmett

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LITTLE KIDS,

Issue 72, January / February 2019

(ISSN 1934-8363), is published bimonthly by
National Geographic Partners, LLC, 1145 17th Street N.W.,
Washington, DC 20036-4688.

POSTMASTER: Please send address changes to
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LITTLE KIDS, P.O. Box 37545, Boone,
IA 50037. If the Postal Service alerts NGP that your magazine is
undeliverable, NGP has no further obligation unless it receives
a corrected address within two years.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: United States, \$18; Canada, \$24.95;
elsewhere, \$28, all U.S. funds. In Canada, Agreement number
1000010298, return undeliverable Canadian addresses to
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LITTLE KIDS,
P.O. Box 819 STN Main, Markham, ON L3P 9Z9

Parents:

Follow us on Twitter @NGKids
and like us on Facebook.





ARCTIC FOX

arctic fox

FUN FACTS

This fox's white winter coat helps it blend in with snow. The arctic fox can sneak up on animals it hunts without being seen.



VISCERALIMAGE / SHUTTERSTOCK

WILD CARDS



OCELOT

ocelot

FUN FACTS

An ocelot is about as big as a medium-size dog. A young ocelot lives near its mother until it is two or three years old.



© ANDY ROUSE / NHPA / PHOTOSHOT

WILD CARDS



SALLY LIGHTFOOT CRAB

Sally Lightfoot crab

FUN FACTS

Crabs use their claws to scoop, grab, and tear the food they eat. They also use claws to pinch any animal that attacks them.



WILD CARDS



RED SQUIRREL

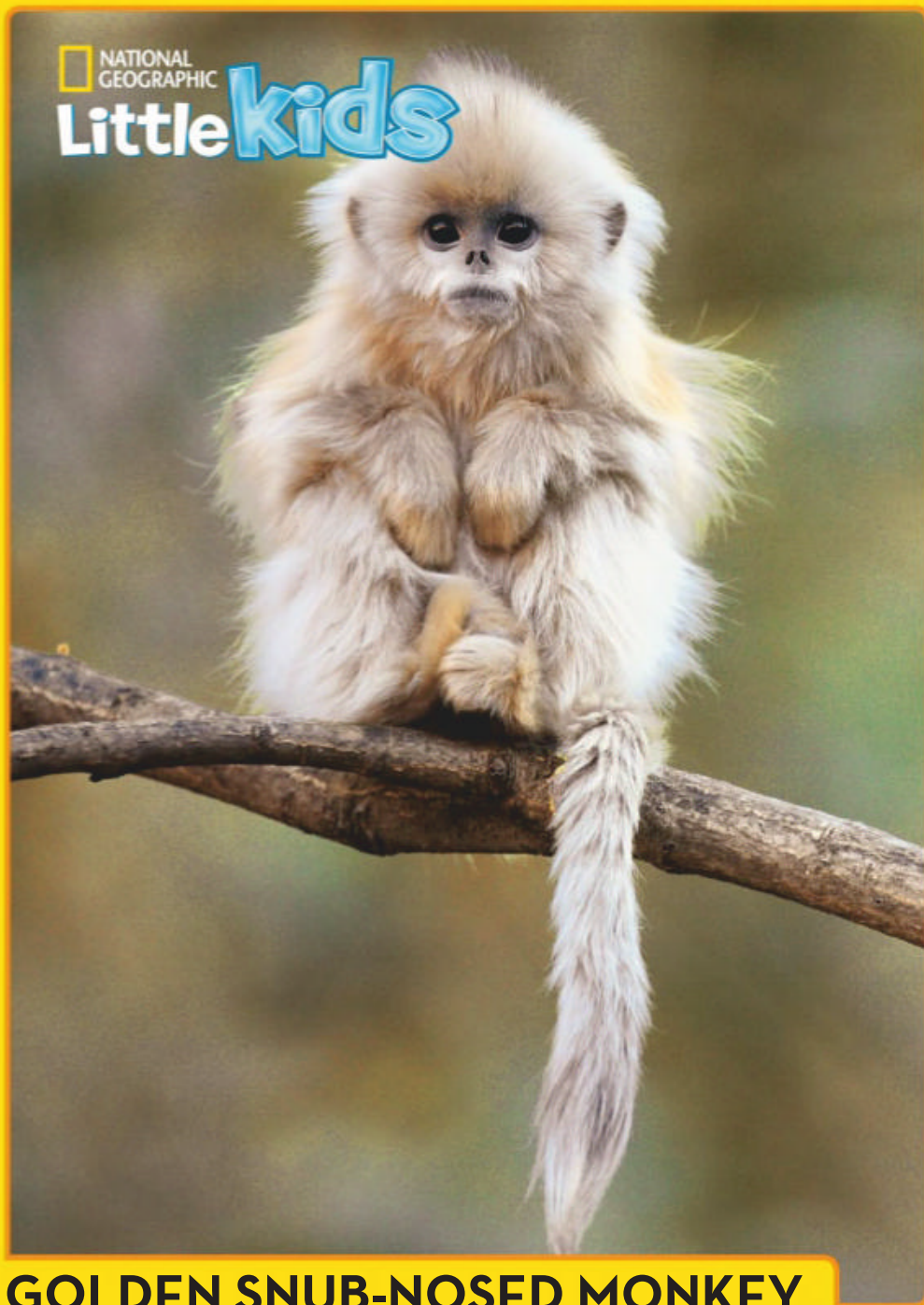
red squirrel

FUN FACTS

In the fall, red squirrels collect pine cones. The squirrels hide the cones under logs. In the winter, they eat the seeds in the cones.



VOJTA HEROUT / SHUTTERSTOCK



GOLDEN SNUB-NOSED MONKEY

golden snub-nosed monkey

FUN FACTS

These monkeys live high in the mountains where it is often snowy. They have thick fur that helps keep them warm.



© CYRIL RUOSO / JH EDITORIAL / MINDEN PICTURES

WILD CARDS



COMMON LOONS

common loons

FUN FACTS

Baby loons sometimes ride on their parents' backs. This protects the little ones from hungry fish swimming underwater.



MIKE NORKUM / SHUTTERSTOCK