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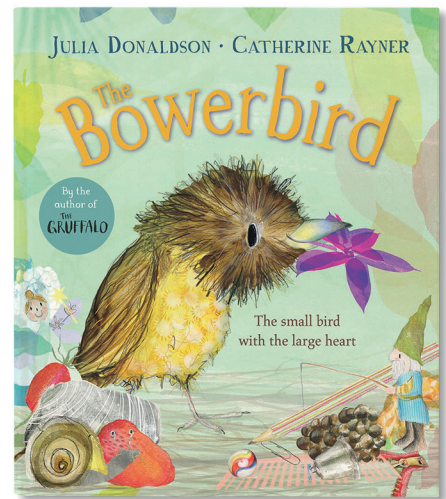
The Bowerbird Activity Pack

Complete the activities, learn about Bowerbirds, and help a little bird find love.

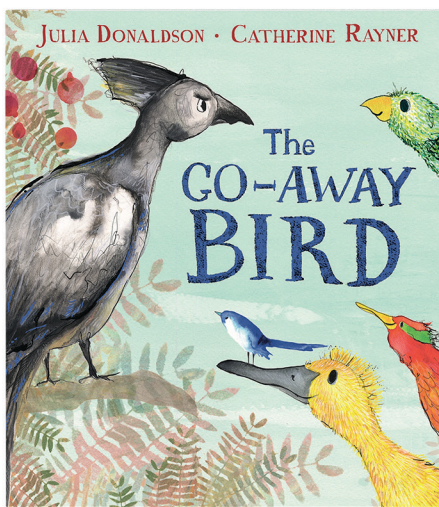
Meet Bert!

Bert the Bowerbird is a little bird with a VERY big heart and he's looking for love.

An irresistible rhyming tale, and beautifully illustrated treat of a book.



Also from the creators of *The Bowerbird*:



*'The Go-Away bird sat up in her nest,
With her fine grey wings and her fine
grey crest.'*

The Go-Away Bird is a charming story about the power of friendship and the perfect book for reading together.



Fun Facts about bowerbirds:

- 1 The bowerbird is a real bird that lives in Australia and Papua New Guinea.
- 2 Bowerbirds are famous for their courting behaviour, where male birds build a 'bower', which is like a nest, to attract a female and collect objects with which to decorate it.
- 3 Bowers can reach up to 9 feet long.
- 4 Males have brighter and more colourful feathers than female bowerbirds.
- 5 Bowerbirds are omnivores which means they'll eat any type of food.
- 6 Some sneaky bowerbirds will steal decorations from other birds for their own bower.
- 7 Bowerbirds are usually 25-30cm long. That's only about the size of a ruler!
- 8 They are VERY noisy. They hiss, buzz and whistle and the male bowerbird even makes a sound like a siren.

**Cover the facts above with a piece of paper.
Can you answer the questions below?**

1 Why do male Bowerbirds build bowers?

2 How big are Bowerbirds?

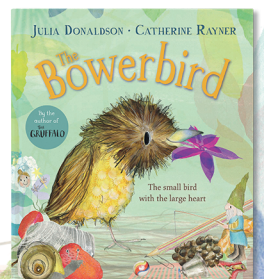
3 When it makes a noise, what can the male Bowerbird sound like?

4 Name two countries where you can find Bowerbirds.

5 What's the largest size a Bowerbird's bower can be?

6 Can Bowerbird's eat any type of food?

Well done! You're a bowerbird expert!



WORD SEARCH

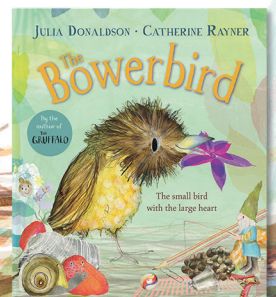
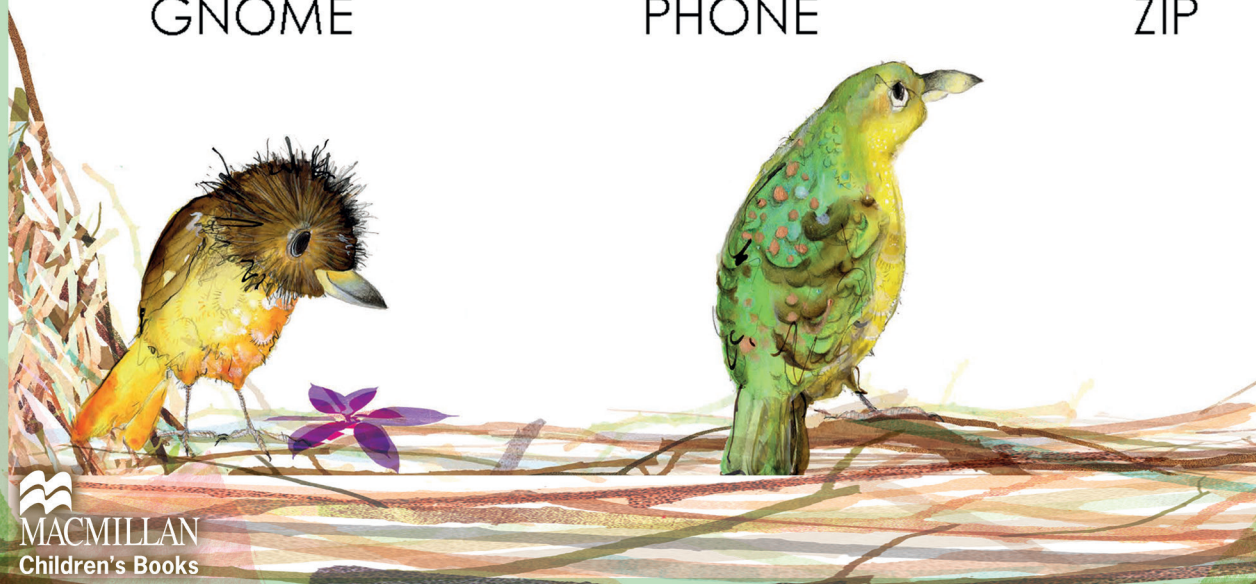
Find the items in the word search to help Bert impress Nanette!

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MARBLE
PAPERCLIP
PENCIL
PHONE

SHELL
STONE
WRAPPER
ZIP



BUILD YOUR OWN BIRD FEEDER

Bird feeders are a great help for hungry birds during the winter months. They're also a fantastic way to learn all about the different birds that live near our own homes.

Here's how to make your own!

- 1 Make two small holes opposite each other near the bottom of your plastic bottle using your drawing pin.
- 2 Widen these holes using your scissors until they're just slightly larger than the width of your twigs or wooden dowels.
- 3 Turn the bottle 90 degrees and repeat this process a few inches higher so you have a hole on each side of the bottle.
- 4 Slide your twigs or dowels through each hole to the one directly opposite. They should make an X shape when you look at them from the bottom of the bottle. These are the perches for your birds!
- 5 Make some larger holes 3-4cm above your perches and make sure they're just big enough for your bird seed to get out.
- 6 Using your drawing pin again, make two holes near the top of the bottle. Widen these with scissors and thread your string all the way through. This is how you hang the feeder.
- 7 Make a few small holes on the base of the bottle to allow any water to drain should it rain.
- 8 Finally add your bird seed and close with the bottle cap. Hang your bird feeder from a tree or washing line and wait for your birds to arrive!

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- 1 Cleaned-Out Plastic Bottle
- String
- 2 Long Twigs or Wooden Dowels
- Scissors
- A Drawing Pin
- Bird Seed



Always ask for an adult's help when using scissors!

