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SMALL WORLDS
WATER

Explore small habitats
in nature

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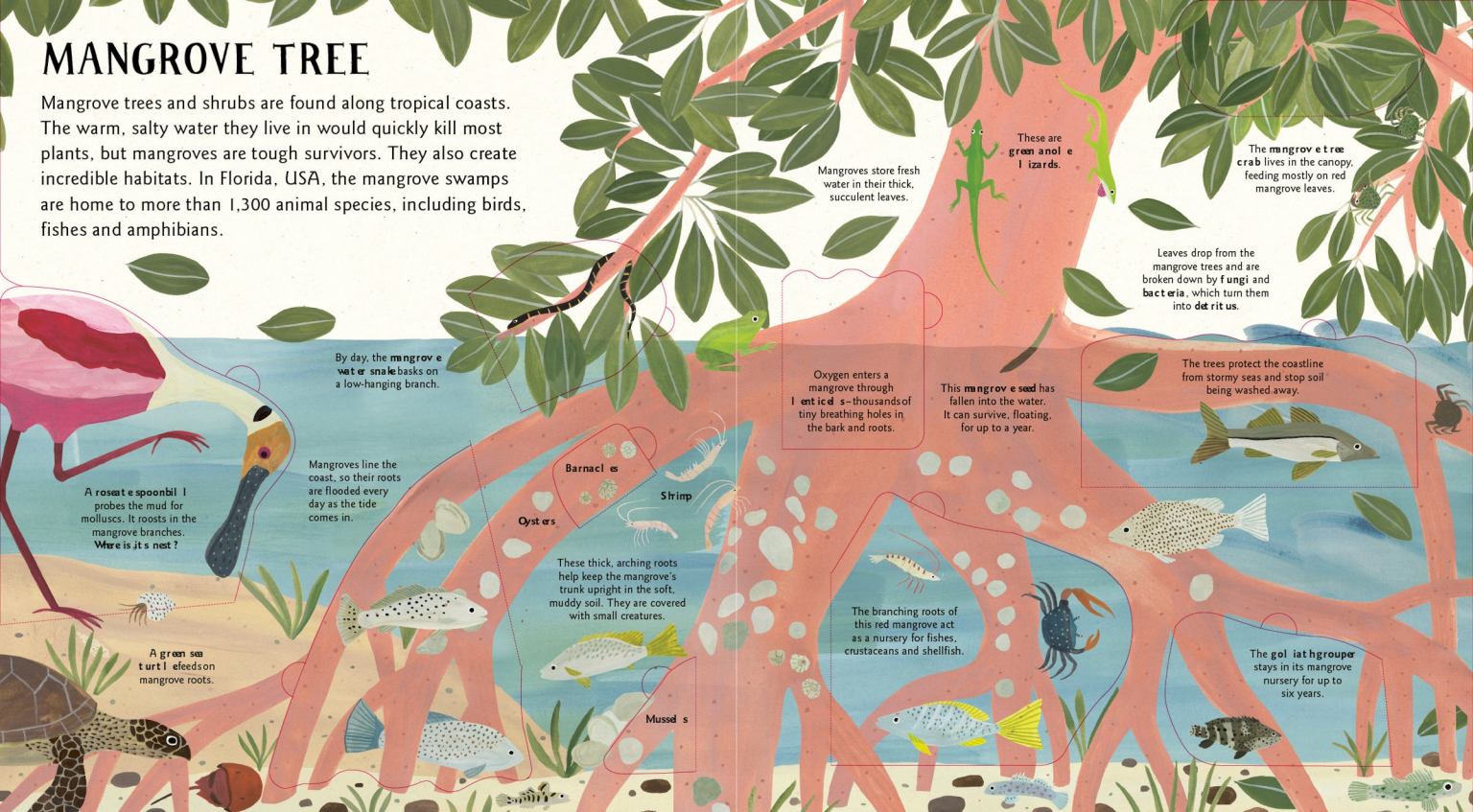
ROCK POOL

As the tide goes out, it leaves behind pools of sea water trapped in gaps between the rocks. Each rock pool has its own unique treasure trove of plants and animals.

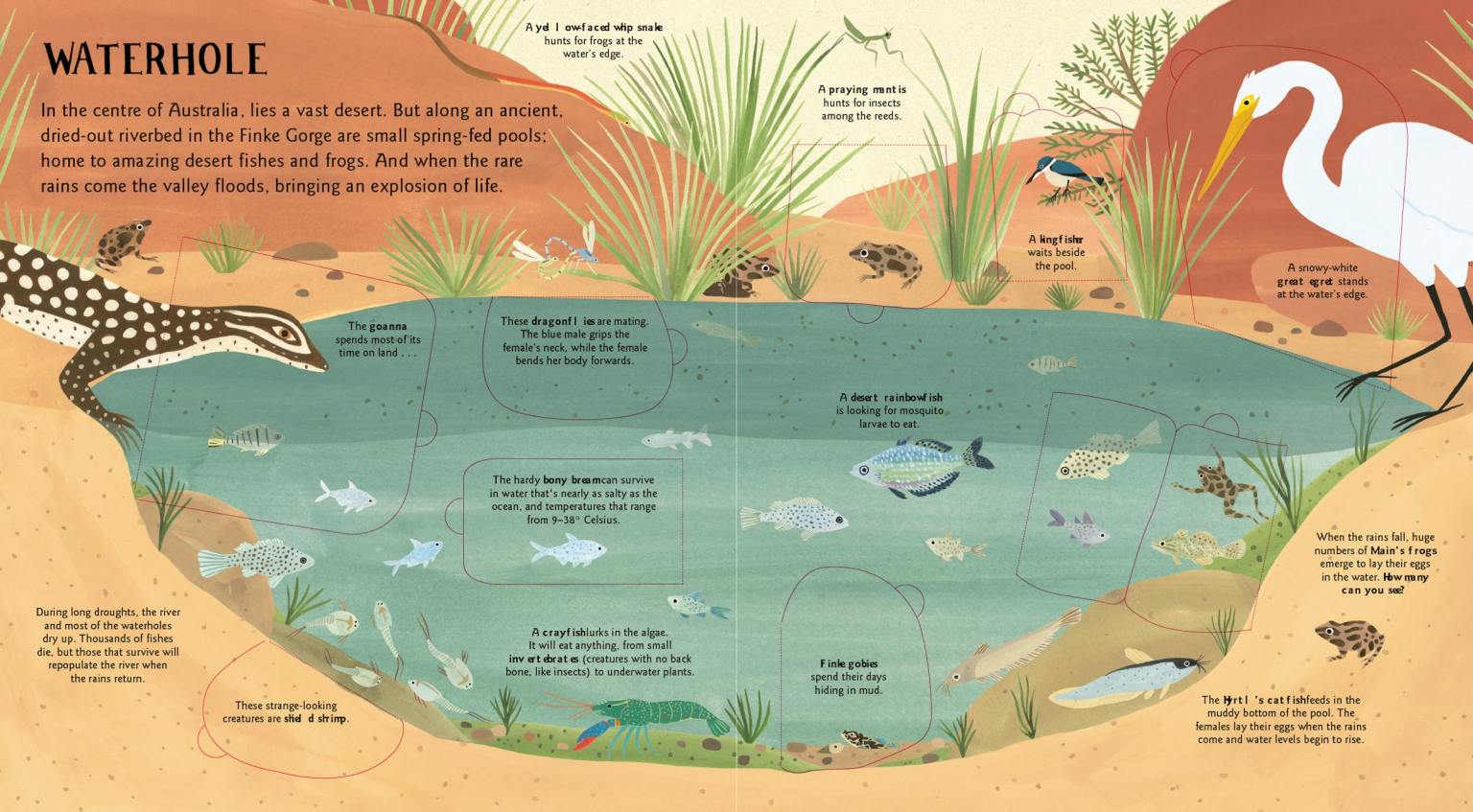
MANGROVE TREE

Mangrove trees and shrubs are found along tropical coasts. The warm, salty water they live in would quickly kill most plants, but mangroves are tough survivors. They also create incredible habitats. In Florida, USA, the mangrove swamps are home to more than 1,300 animal species, including birds, fishes and amphibians.



WATERHOLE

In the centre of Australia, lies a vast desert. But along an ancient, dried-out riverbed in the Finke Gorge are small spring-fed pools; home to amazing desert fishes and frogs. And when the rare rains come the valley floods, bringing an explosion of life.



CORAL REEF CLEANING STATION

Each morning, at an eye-catching spot on a reef in the Red Sea, special cleaner fishes and shrimp gather at a place known as a cleaning station. Their customers come from all over the reef, and range from fishes and eels to turtles and rays.