

il-~~Ħ~~uttafa

Numru 169

Marzu - April 2022

Dax-xahar
Il-~~Ħ~~uttafa ghalqet...

28
sena
1994-2022



Kuda

 60
BirdLife
1962 MALTA 2022

Il-magazin ta' Klabb ~~Ħ~~uttaf





#Hejj Huttaf...

Il-buttuniera (*sweet alison* jew *sweet alyssum*) taghmel fjuri kwaži s-sena kollha.

mill-**editur**

Ftit ilu kont ma' grupp studenti fir-riserva tal-Ghadira.

Waqt li mexjin sibna pjanta tal-fidloqqom mimlija fjuri. Fil-pront xi hadd qalli:

"Dik il-fjura tista' ticolha hux?"

Imxejna ftit iehor u rajna roqgħa sabiħa ta' ħaxixa Ingliża bin-naħal dieħel u ħiereg fil-fjuri. Qabez student iehor u qalli:

"Dik iz-zokk tagħha tista' tieklu hux?"

Flames minuti wara sibna faqqiegħa. X'taħsbu l-ewwel ħaġa li staqsewni? Hekk hu:

"Dik tajba għall-ikel ser?"

"Il-aħwa!" għeditilhom bid-dahqa, "Intom kollox ikel taraw?!"

Ħaġa tajba li nkunu nafu li l-ikel tagħna jiġi min-natura. Wara

kollox, mingħajr in-natura mmutu bil-ġuħ!

Imma m'għandniex inkunu moħħna biss x'nistgħu nieħdu min-natura.

Kif jgħid il-qawl Malti: "Tieħu bla ma trodd sas-swar thott." Jiġifieri jekk ħaġa tieħu minnha biss u qatt ma tagħti xejn lura, fl-aħħar dik il-ħaġa tispicċalek.

Man-natura hekk irridu nimxu. Meta nħawlu sigra, meta nagħmlu l-kompost, meta nferrxu ż-żerriegħa tal-fjuri, meta nibnu *bug hotel* jew *nest box*, meta narmaw *bird table* bl-ikel: b'dawn l-affarijiet ngħinu lill-pjanti, lill-għasafar, lill-insetti u lill-ħamrija. Inkunu qed ngħinu lin-natura ssir iktar sinjura.

Il-BirdLife teżisti biex tgħin lill-għasafar u l-bqija tan-natura. Għalhekk meta aħna l-membri nieħdu sehem fl-attivitajiet tal-BirdLife inkunu wkoll qed ngħinu lin-natura!

victor
Victor Falzon
L-Editur



Victor Falzon



Kuda
Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Il-kuda żżurna fir-rebbiegħa u fil-harifa, fi triqtha bejn l-Ewropa u l-Afrika. Tieqaf magħna għal xi granet biex tistrieħ fti. Tftitex il-beraħ bħal steppa u xaghri, fejn tferkex qalb il-blat għal dud u insetti. Nagħruha l-iktar għax meta ttir jispikka denbha abjad b'disinn iswed forma ta' T.

Ritratt ta' Aron Tanti



In this issue...

Mill-editur	2
Aħbarijiet	3
X'rajt fil-ġnien	4
L-għasafar kollha ta' Malta!	5
Tinkwetawx	5
Habitats in Malta - Caves	6
Żmien il-fjuri!	7
Il-bagħdan abjad	8-9
Octopus funfacts	10
Colour the wagtail	11
Attività	12
Wiċċinu u Laskri	12
The Migration Story	13
Tajr Moħbi	14
Il-ballottra	15
The plot of the masks	16

People who wrote

Thais Amaral (National Aquarium), Elena (Ecohive), Desirée Falzon, Victor Falzon, Abbie Ferrar, Mark Gauci, Marie Vella (BOV)

Klabb Huttaf

Klabb Huttaf is the junior (under 16) section of BirdLife Malta. Members

- can attend club activities, like walks, visits to nature reserves, boat trips and also do environmental work

- receive *Il-Huttafa* every two months.

Your family too can become member, and you will then get *Bird's Eye View* magazine too. Annual subscription is €10 for Klabb Huttaf and €20 for Family.

Get in touch

tel 21347645 / 21347646
emergency injured bird 79255697
address 57/28 Triq Abate Rigord
Ta' Xbiex XBX 1120
email info@birdlifemalta.org
website www.birdlifemalta.org



Gamiam għall-qatla



Il-gamiema (*European turtle-dove*) naqset sew mid-dinja. Fl-aħħar 40 sena l-gamiam tal-passa naqas bi 80%. Fil-pajjiżi tal-Unjoni Ewropea huwa kontra l-ligi taqbad jew joqtol gamiam fir-rebbiegħa. Għalhekk skantajna meta smajna li f'Malta reġa' nfetaħ staġun f'April għall-kaċċa tal-gamiam!

Kif jaf kulhadd, fir-rebbiegħa l-għasafar ibejtu. Meta annimal qed jispicċa mid-dinja, l-ewwel haġa li tagħmel biex issalvah hi li tiprotegħih speċjalment fi żmien li jkollu ż-żgħar. Ma tridx tkun

professur biex tifhimha din.

Il-BirdLife għamlet kollox biex il-kaċċaturi ma jithallewx joqtolu gamiam dir-rebbiegħa. Anke l-qorti marret. Imma ta' xejn, għax l-istaġun tal-qtil xorta nfetaħ. F'April il-kaċċaturi kellhom permess joqtolu 1500 gamiema (u 2500 summiena). U kif jiġri dejjem, mal-gamiam u s-summien inqatlu ħafna għasafar oħrajn protetti, speċjalment tajr tal-priza u għasafar kuluriti bħad-daquqa tat-toppu u l-qerd in-naħal.

Tal-misthija!



Ċaw natura! Merħba storbju!



Fuq biċċa art kbira ħdejn l-irdum ta' Għar Ħasan se jibnu strippa biex fiha jtajru l-mudelli tal-ajruplani! Bħalissa f'din l-art hemm xagħri u steppa mimlijin pjanti bħal tengħud u orkidi, u f'hofof fl-irdum ibejjet iċ-ċief u l-merill. Biex jibnu l-istrippa ħa jordmu kollox u l-post ħa jgibuh deżert. U bl-istorbju tal-mudelli u bid-dwal ħa jgerrxu l-għasafar mill-ħabitat tagħhom fejn ilhom ibejtu eluf tas-snin.

Aron Tanti

Bumistur
Northern Wren



Rix Rari

Erba' għasafar rari li ntlemlu mill-berdwoċers tal-BirdLife f'dawn l-aħħar ġimgħat f'pajjiżna kienu bumistur, gallozz tat-tikek, bufula tal-pavalor u žanzarell tal-lvant.

Kif taraw mir-ritratti ta' seħibna Aron, ebda minnhom m'għandu kuluri spettakolari... griż, kannella, iswed, abjad. Imma xorta qajmu eċitament fost in-naturalist tagħna. Haġa rari dejjem prezzjuża hux! Speċjalment xi annimal jew pjanta.



Aron Tanti

Gallozz tat-Tikek
Spotted Crake



Aron Tanti

Žanzarell tal-Lvant
Semi-collared Flycatcher



Aron Tanti

Bufula tal-Pavalor
Rüppell's Warbler



X'rajt fil-ġnien **6**

Desirée Falzon
Detektiv

Desirée Falzon



Ferħ ta' pulċinell



Victor Falzon

Fil-ġnien inħobb nizra' l-bużbież. Minbarra li faċli ħafna biex tkabbarha, dil-pjanta nħobbha ħafna għax fuqha tgħidx kemm jgħixu annimali. Diversi insetti jużaw il-bużbież jew biex ibidu fih, jew biex jieklu l-weraq, jew biex jistkennu, u anke jkun hemm min jikkaċċja fih. Ftit ilu għamilt skoperta ġdida!

Bhas-soltu ħriġt fil-ġnien biex niċċekkja x'se nsib ġdid fil-bużbież, li bħalissa diġà kiber ġmielu u saru arbuxelli sbieħ. Jien u nħares lejn iz-zkuk rajt bħal ballun żgħir ragħwa bajda fuq uħud minnhom.

Għall-ewwel ħsibtu bzieq u kont se ninġbed lura, imma fl-istess ħin ftakart li nies ma jgħaddux mill-ġnien tiegħi!

"Mmm, allura dik ir-ragħwa bilfors xi ħaġa li għamel annimal jew il-pjanta stess," għidt filwaqt li mort inġib il-lenti.

Bhas-soltu, il-lenti kabbritli d-dinja u f'dik il-qatra ragħwa

rajt xi ħaġa iktar skura. Seta' kien hemm xi annimal hemm ġew? Iċċekkajt l-erba' blalen ragħwa oħrajn li kien hemm, u kollha kellhom xi ħaġa fihom!

Qallibt fl-Internet u skoprejt min qed jagħmel ir-ragħwa: ikun il-'larva ta' insett żgħir jgħidulu pulċinell, bl-Ingliż *froghopper*.

Għalkemm jismu *froghopper* dan l-insett m'għandu x'jaqsam xejn maż-żringijiet! Jgħidulu hekk għax jaqbeż ħafna, fil-fatt kapaċi jaqbeż mitt darba t-tul tiegħu stess! Meta jkun għadu larva ma jtirx, allura waqt li qed jiekol mill-pjanta li faqqas fuqha, faċli jiġi predatur u jaħtfu għall-ikel. Għalhekk

biex jinħeba, dan il-farka ta' annimal jipproduċi dik ir-ragħwa minn ġo fih u jinħeba fiha mill-predaturi. Fl-istess ħin hemm ġew ikun ukoll protett mill-qawwa tax-xemx u r-riħ.

Dan il-larva jibqa' jagħmel ir-ragħwa sakemm fl-aħħar jinbidel f'adult u jtir 'l hemm.

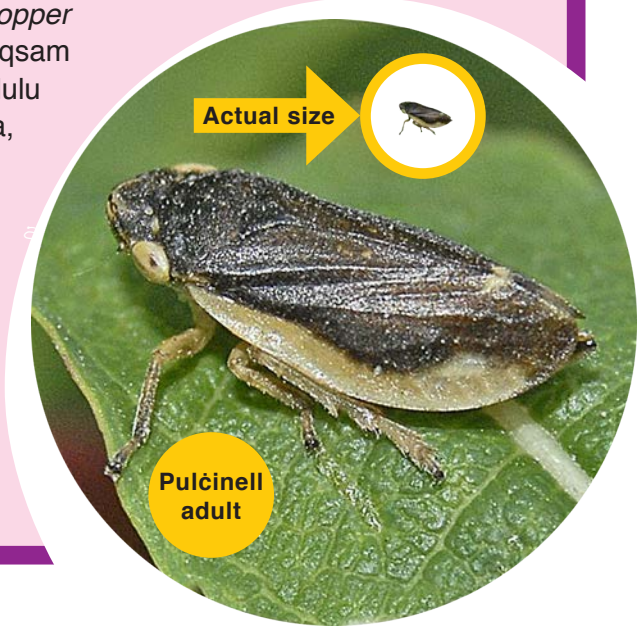
Ara jirnexxielkx issib dik ir-ragħwa fuq xi pjanta fil-kampanja. Jekk issibha, ittellifhiex għax hemm ġew ikun hemm pulċinell żagħżuġh qed jistaħba!

Bl-Ingliż din ir-ragħwa jgħidulha *cuckoo spit!*

Imma la hija spīt u ma għandna x'taqsam xejn mal-cuckoos!

Issa sew! Intlift...

HeLOOWW!



'larva. Insett li jkun għadu żgħir, pereżempju *caterpillar*.

Ma, jiena larva?

Iva, ruhi qalbi.



L-Għasafar kollha ta' Malta!

F'Malta s'issa dehru ftit iktar minn 400 speċi ta' għasafar. Uħud minnhom huma komuni ħafna, oħrajn rari ħafna; uħud narawhom ftit granet biss fis-sena, oħrajn jgħixu Malta ħajjithom kollha. F'din is-sensiela ħa nibdew ingibu liema huma dawn l-ispeċi. Dawn huma l-ewwel għaxra...



1 Isem Malti
Summiċna
Isem Inġliż
Common Quail
Isem xjentifiku
Coturnix coturnix



2 Isem Malti
Ċukar
Isem Inġliż
Chukar
Isem xjentifiku
Alectoris chukar



3 Isem Malti
Brajmla Rasha Bajda
Isem Inġliż
White-headed Duck
Isem xjentifiku
Oxyura leucocephala



4 Isem Malti
Ċinju
Isem Inġliż
Mute Swan
Isem xjentifiku
Cygnus olor



5 Isem Malti
Wizża Ħamra
Isem Inġliż
Red-breasted Goose
Isem xjentifiku
Branta ruficollis



6 Isem Malti
Wizża Griża
Isem Inġliż
Greylag Goose
Isem xjentifiku
Anser anser



7 Isem Malti
Wizża tal-Ful
Isem Inġliż
Bean Goose
Isem xjentifiku
Anser fabalis



8 Isem Malti
Wizża tal-Maskra
Isem Inġliż
Greater White-fronted Goose
Isem xjentifiku
Anser albifrons



9 Isem Malti
Brajmla Sewda
Isem Inġliż
Common Scoter
Isem xjentifiku
Melanitta nigra



10 Isem Malti
Brajmla tal-Għajn
Isem Inġliż
Common Goldeneye
Isem xjentifiku
Bucephala clangula

Din hija l-lista approvata minn BirdLife Malta. L-ismijiet bil-Malta huma dawk li tuża BirdLife Malta, għalkemm hemm għasafar magħrufin b'iktar minn isem wiehed. L-ismijiet bl-Inġliż u xjentifiċi huma dawk li tuża BirdLife International (www.birdlife.org)



Tinkwetawx...

Fir-rebbiegħa l-għasafar ikunu bil-bejta. Għalhekk daż-żmien ikun hemm ħafna frieħ fil-bejtiet. Meta l-frieħ tal-għasafar tal-bejt jibdew jikbru, il-bejta ma tibqax tesagħhom u jkollhom ġenn biex joħorġu minnha, allavolja jkunu għadhom ma tgħallmux itiru. Il-ġenituri tagħhom jafuh dan, u bil-paċenzja kollha jiġru wara uliedhom u jitimghuhom sakemm jikbru iktar u jitgħallmu jtiru.

Għalhekk jekk issibu ferħ ta' għasfur tal-bejt joqmos fl-art (bħal dan tar-ritratt), tinkwetawx wisq għax **dak mhux mitluf!** Il-ġenituri tiegħu aktarx qed jaraw kollox u qed jistennewk twarrab, halli jinżlu jkomplu jiehdu ħsieb lit-tifel jew tifla tagħhom. Sintendi jekk ikun f'nofs ta' triq poġġuh x'imkien **viċin** imma fejn ma jkunx fil-periklu. Imma tiħduhx id-dar biex tippruvaw trabbuh intom, għax aħjar mill-ġenituri tiegħu żgur m'hemmx.

Caves

When exploring the Maltese islands, you will come across many **caves** in the natural landscape and coastline.

Caves found across the Maltese coasts, are formed through wave action and other natural processes. Deep caves are formed through similar processes as those found along the coastline, however these are much rarer.

Inside these caves one may find various flora and fauna which have adapted to live within them, the most well-known species of course being bats. The **Maghrebian Mouse-eared Bat** is native to the islands and has a wingspan of 30-40 cm, making it one of the largest bat species to occur in Malta. These creatures are sensitive to both light and sound.

Due to the nature of environment which these species inhabit caves become extremely sensitive to human interaction. Due to this, access to certain caves is restricted, such is the case for Ghar Dalam which is also located within a **Natura 2000 site**.

Together, the bats and other flora and fauna within caves form unique habitats, with some being endemic to the Maltese Islands.



Ghar Hasan

Il-harira hamra u l-harira kahla huma fil-fatt l-istess speci. Daqqa jkollhom fjuri hamranin, u daqqa kohol.



Mellux



harira hamra



harira kahla

Zmien il-fjuri!



silla tal-moghoż



papoċċi bajda



dahnet l-art



bebuna tal-baħar

Fil-kampanja jikbru fjuri fl-istaġuni kollha, anke fl-eqqel tas-sajf. Imma kif jaf kulhadd l-iktar staġun li fih jifthu fjuri huwa r-rebbiegħa. Dawn huma ftit mill-ħafna fjuri li tistgħu taraw jekk toħorġu ftit fil-kampanja fir-rebbiegħa.

Ara ssibuhomx kollha. Dawk li ssibu ttikkjawhom!



evaks



leblieb tal-blat



peprin ahmar



ċistu isfar

Bagħdan Abjad

Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus*



Ritratt ta' Aron Tanti meħud fl-inħawi tal-ajruport





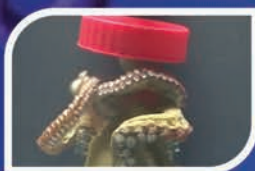
**HEY, YOU...
MY NAME'S HANK!**



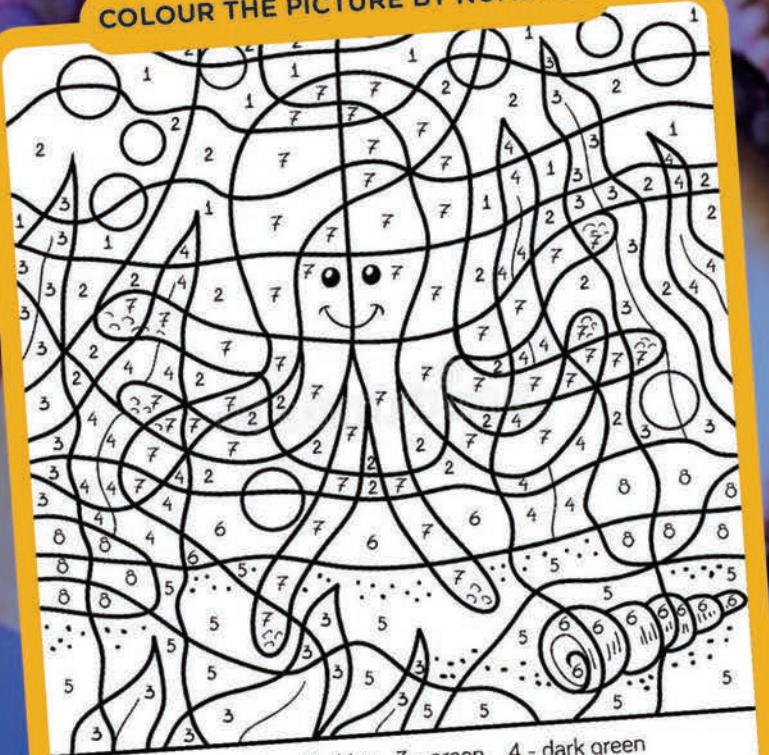
**MALTA NATIONAL
AQUARIUM**

10 FUN FACTS ABOUT THE OCTOPUS!

1. My name "Octopus" comes from the ancient Greek words Octo (eight) and poda (foot).
2. I do not have bones so I can easily squeeze into narrow holes!
3. My 8 arms (they are not called tentacles!) have a lot of suckers that I use to crawl.
4. I can also swim very fast... but backwards! Humans call it jet-propulsion!
5. Don't try to catch me... I will release a black ink to confuse you and then run away!
6. My mouth - at the centre of my arms - has a strong beak and I bite while releasing venom.
7. If you don't see me... it doesn't mean I'm not there! I can change the colour of my skin to blend with the surroundings!
8. I have a blue-ish blood.
9. I have 3 hearts: 2 for pumping blood through my 2 pairs of gills so I can breathe, and 1 for the rest of the body.
10. I am really intelligent and humans always want to prove it with studies and experiments. Give me a jar and I will show you how to open it from the inside!



COLOUR THE PICTURE BY NUMBERS



- 1 - light blue
- 2 - blue
- 3 - green
- 4 - dark green
- 5 - yellow
- 6 - orange
- 7 - violet
- 8 - gray

WHO IS THE BIGGEST?
The Giant Pacific Octopus.
A specimen was recorded with 272 kg and 9 m in length.

WHO IS THE SMALLEST?
The Octopus wolffi is less than 2.5 cm in length and 1 g in weight. So cute!

WHO IS THE MOST DANGEROUS?
Four highly venomous species of blue ringed octopuses, with their powerful toxin that would be able to kill a human.

Colour the Wagtail

Victor Falzon

Yellow Wagtail



The yellow wagtail (*isfar* in Maltese) is a lovely little bird with an astonishing yellow tummy. Many yellow wagtails visit Malta in spring as they fly from Africa. They don't stay long because they still have a long way to fly home to nest, somewhere in Europe. While they are here they rest and gobble up lots of tiny insects. Yummy!

Mystery flower

So did you guess last issue's mystery flower? Yes, it was the **pimpernel** (*ħarira*). It's a small plant that makes tiny flowers in springtime. The flowers of the pimpernel can be blue or pinkish orange.

- poppy
- daisy
- emul
- ape
- bee
- frog
- ant
- eel
- lily



There are pictures of the pimpernels on page 7.



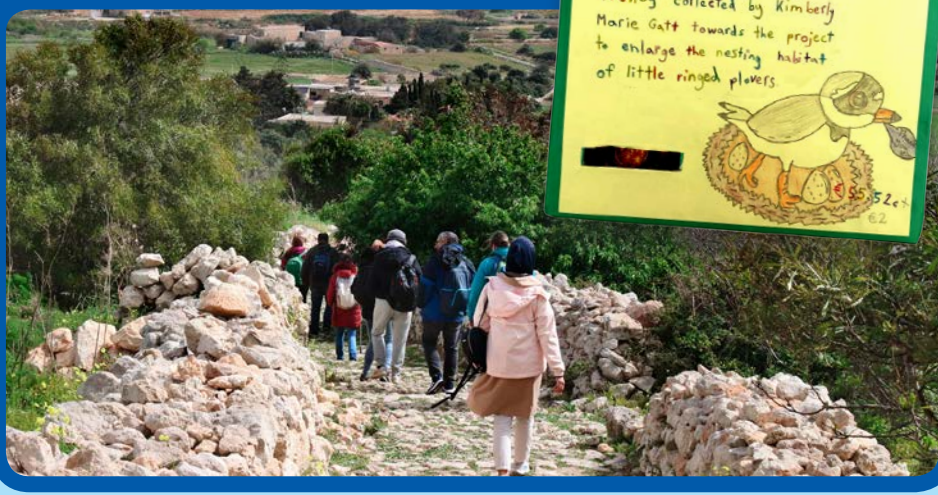
Hey, look... a punkupine!

Fun Days! Club Days! Fun Days!



We at Klabb Futtaf do lots of fun activities and adventures for you and your family. To learn about our next awesome activity check out our website!





Money collected by Kimberly Marie Gatt towards the project to enlarge the nesting habitat of little ringed plovers

Il-Mixja għan-Natura



Grazzi!
Il-Mixja għan-Natura li għamilna l-**Fadd 27 Marzu 2022** kienet suċċess. Konna b'kollox 47. Imxejna mill-Buskett sas-Salib tal-Għolja u lura bid-dawra. Mill-mixja għarna b'kollox **€904.54**. Kif jidher mill-ghatu tal-collection box helwa li għabilna Kimberly Marie Gatt, bil-flus se nkabbru l-habitat fejn tbejjet il-monakella fir-riserva naturali tal-Għadira. Grazzi Kimberly u l-partecipanti kollha, u grazzi lil-leaders li organizzaw kollox.



Easter EggCitement

Minhabba l-Covid konna ilna sentejn ma nagħmlu l-Easter EggCitement, imma dis-sena ergajna bdejna. Nhar is-Sibt **16 April 2022** attendew total ta' 74 familja għal din l-attività li għamilnieha fir-riserva ta' Foresta 2000. Kemm hadna pjaċir infittxu l-bajd taċ-ċikkulata qalb is-siġar! Wara, inżilna sar-riserva tal-Għadira fejn tqassmu xi premjijiet, u kulhadd kell ċ-ċans isir l-animali favorit tagħhom... bis-saħħa tal-face paints!



Wiċċinu u Laskri

Aħbarijiet sbieħ u koroh minn madwar id-dinja



Volpi ++



Sa 20 sena ilu fl-Iskandinavja kollha kien baqa' inqas minn 50 volpi abjad (*arctic fox*) b'kollox. Għalhekk fin-Norveġja sar proġett biex jitrabbew u jintelqu mijiet minn dan l-animali simpatiku u importanti għall-ekosistemi. Bis-saħħa ta' dal-proġett illum in-numru tela' għal 500. Għadu xorta numru żgħir, imma x-xjenzati jittamaw li n-numru ftit ftit ikompli jikber.

Natura sejra lura



Fl-Awstralja hemm hafna pjanti u animali endemiċi li ma ssibhom imkien iktar fid-dinja. Sfortunatament hafna minnhom saru rarissimi. Minkejja dan, il-gvern Awstraljan mhux jagħmel biżżejjed biex jiproteġihom kif imiss. Ix-xjenzati jqisu li sa 20 sena oħra 45 speċi ta' animali ħa jisparixxu mill-Awstralja, u sa 10 snin oħra se jispiċċaw 55 speċi ta' pjanti.

Daqshekk gass



Xi 10 snin ilu l-mexxejja ta' Zurich (belt kbira fl-lżvizzera) iddeċidew li jnaqqsu l-użu tal-gass naturali u floku jużaw enerġija nadifa. Dan il-gass huwa *fossil fuel* li jħammeġ l-arja u jsaħħan il-klima. L-lżvizzera timporta nofs il-gass naturali mir-Russja. Wara li r-Russja attakkat lill-Ukrajna, Zurich qed thaffef il-pass biex jehilsu għal kollox mix-xiri u l-użu tal-gass.

The Migration Story

Why?

Why do animals migrate? Why do they risk their lives every year to make long journeys full of danger?

Easy! To stay alive!



Night Heron Kwakka



Oystercatcher Gallina tal-Baħar



Little Egret Agrett Abjad



Grey Heron Russett Griż



Squacco Heron Russett Isfar



Imagine you are a bird that lives near a lake, enjoying summer somewhere in northern Europe, catching fish and having a great time.

Hmm, but what happens when winter comes and your lake freezes over? Now you cannot catch fish. If you stay there you'll die cold and hungry. What you can do is fly away and look for a place where the weather is warmer, where water doesn't freeze in winter.

So off you go until you find a place - perhaps around the Mediterranean - where you can stay the winter near a lake that isn't frozen. Phew, that was close!

But in this place summers are hot and your nice winter lake dries up. So yes, before summer comes you'll have to pack up and move again.

The best idea is to fly back north to the place you know, where your home lake is not frozen anymore and where you can catch fish again.

Back home you can now nest and have a new family, because there is food for everyone.

Ah, but winter will come again...



White Stork Ċikonja Bajda



Common Shelduck Kuluvert tas-Salib



Turnstone Monakella Imperjali



Barn Swallow Futtafa



Marsh Harrier Baġħdan Aħmar

If you go to Is-Simar nature reserve, you will see this page as a nice big board!

Tajr Moħbi

Aqta' l-ismijiet ta' tajr li ssib Malta billi tara l-istampi x'qegħdin juru



A R P A



Two rows of writing guides for the word 'ARPA'. The first row is a purple-outlined box divided into seven segments. To the right is an illustration of a green violin and its bow. The second row is a white-outlined box divided into seven segments.

Two rows of writing guides for the word 'TAL-'. The first row is a yellow-outlined box divided into seven segments. To the right is the text 'T A L -'. Below this is a cartoon ghost, a green pea pod with two peas, and a purple folding fan. The second row is a white-outlined box divided into seven segments.

Two illustrations of flames, one in orange and yellow and one in grey. To the right are two rows of writing guides for the word 'FJAMMA'. The first row is a purple-outlined box divided into seven segments. The second row is a white-outlined box divided into seven segments.



An illustration of a tennis racket. To the right is a yellow-outlined box divided into seven segments.



il-Ballottra

Il-ballottra hija mammiferu (*mammal*).

Mammiferi huma animali li jzoqqu liż-żgħar tagħhom bil-ħalib.

Ballottra jgħidulha *weasel* bl-Ingliż, u l-isem xjentifiku tagħha huwa *Mustela nivalis*.

Il-ballottra hija kuġina tal-lontri (*otters*), tal-baġers (*badgers*) u tan-nemes (*ferret*). Xi nies irabbu n-nemes bħala pet, dan jixbah hafna lill-ballottra imma jkun ikbar.

Il-ballottra hija ¹karnivoru u predatur. Tiekol ġrieden, firien, gremxul, wiżgħat u anke frieħ u bajd tal-għasafar.

Il-ballottra hija l-iżgħar mammiferu karnivoru fid-dinja. Fl-istess ħin hija l-ikbar karnivoru tal-art li nsibu Malta.

Il-ballottra mgerrxa mill-bniedem u tevita postijiet fejn jgħixu jew fejn jgħaddu n-nies.

Il-ballottra tgħix f'diversi ħabitati. Thobb ħafna postijiet fejn hemm ħitan tas-sejjeħ antiki mwaqqgħin.

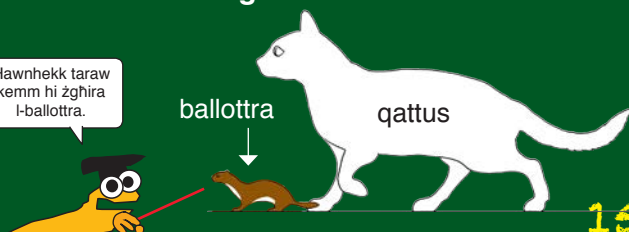
Ma nafux il-ballottra hix ²indigena f'Malta. Jista' jkun li ddañhlet żmien ilu mill-bniedem minn art oħra.

Il-ballottra mifruxa sew f'Malta imma aktarx li mhix komuni. F'Għawdex u fuq Kemmuna ma tinstabx.

Minħabba li żgħira u flessibli ħafna, il-ballottra kapaċi tgħaddi minn irkejjen dojoq. Xi nies jaħsbu li l-ballottra m'għandhiex għadam, imma dan mhux veru. Fil-fatt għandha iktar għadam milli għandna aħna!

Bħal kwazi l-mammiferi kollha ta' Malta, il-ballottra mħarsa bil-liġi.

Hawnhekk taraw kemm hi żgħira l-ballottra.



¹karnivoru. Animal li jiekol animali oħrajn
²indigenu. Speċi li minn dejjem kienet tgħix f'dak il-post



ECOHIVE MISSIONS

THE PLOT OF THE MASKS

WRITTEN BY ELENA

IT WAS A SUNNY MONDAY MORNING
EVERYONE WAS RUSHING BACK TO SCHOOL



I PRINTED HUNDREDS OF FAKE NEWS LEAFLETS... KILLING SOME TREES IN THE PROCESS! I'M SO EFFICIENT!

IT'S OVER!
recycle your masks NOW!

DIDN'T YOU READ THE NEWS? WE DON'T NEED THESE ANYMORE!

AND WE CAN HELP THE ENVIRONMENT BY RECYCLING THEM!

IT'S OVER!
recycle your masks NOW!

simply toss them in the recycling bag and you're DONE!

I'LL JUST LEAVE THEM BY THE SCHOOL'S ENTRANCE AND WAIT...

WAIT.. IT SAYS HERE THAT FACEMASKS ARE MADE FROM DIFFERENT TYPES OF MATERIALS AND CAN'T BE RECYCLED. IT'S IMPORTANT TO ALWAYS DOUBLE CHECK WHEN THINGS SEEM TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!

WHAT A... TRASHY PRANK! BUT HOW DO WE STOP IT?!

WE WILL LET THE WHOLE SCHOOL KNOW THEY HAVE BEEN MISINFORMED AND... REUSE THESE STUPID LEAFLETS IN THE PROCESS!

I WILL EMAIL ECOHIVE! THEY'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THESE USED MASKS!

PLEASE, KEEP WEARING YOUR MASK! AND BEFORE YOU ASK... IF IT SOUNDS TOO COOL, MAKE SURE IT'S REALLY TRUE, DON'T BECOME A FOOL!

THAT WAS A DANGEROUS "JOKE"!

AS SOON AS I SAW THE BANNER, I PUT A NEW MASK ON!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

MEANWHILE AT ECOHIVE HQ...

WE RECEIVED AN EMAIL REQUESTING URGENT ASSISTANCE. THERE'S AN ECO-EMERGENCY AT THE LOCAL SCHOOL!

ECOHIVE INBOX

hey guys, we can't handle it alone :(There are way too many bags! We don't know what to do! PLEASE, SEND HELP!

I HAVE JUST THE RIGHT LIZARD FOR THE JOB, LET'S CALL HER RIGHT AWAY!

AGENT LIZA, WE NEED YOUR HELP! THERE'S A HEAP OF WASTE THAT GOT MISTAKENLY PUT INTO THE RECYCLING BAGS AT THE NEARBY SCHOOL!

GENERAL BUZZ! CONSIDER IT DONE! WITH MY "STICKY" FINGERS, I'M A REAL PRO AT SORTING WASTE!

AGENT LIZA

THANK YOU, AGENT LIZA! NOW THAT ALL THE WASTE IS IN THE RIGHT KIND OF BAGS, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO IT?

DISPOSABLE MASKS CAN'T BE RECYCLED, BUT CAN THEY STILL BE USEFUL?

VERY GOOD QUESTION! BLACK BAGS ARE TAKEN TO ECOHIVE AND THE CONTENTS ARE USED TO MAKE ENERGY!

WHAT ABOUT THIS HUGE ONE? IT'S VERY HEAVY, CAN YOU GIVE ME A HAND?

NOT ONLY IS IT HEAVY, BUT... IT'S MOVING?!

OH NO, BE CAREFUL! THE BAG IS TEARING!

GARBAGE MONSTER, STOP! YOU'RE BEING DETAINED!

BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME, SUCKERS!

AGENT LIZA, HE'S TOO FAST!



VISIT [ECOHIVE.COM.MT/KIDS](https://www.ecohive.com/mt/kids)