

# SCIENCE SPAZA

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## WORLD WILDLIFE DAY



DID YOU KNOW THAT SUNDAY (3RD MARCH) WAS WORLD WILDLIFE DAY? WORLD WILDLIFE DAY WAS CREATED BY THE UNITED NATIONS TO RECOGNISE AND CELEBRATE THE WONDERFUL ANIMALS AROUND US.

When you think of wildlife, do you think of the Big Five: lions, leopards, elephants, rhinos and buffalo? These big animals are some of the most famous in Africa, but wildlife also includes the smallest insects, birds and all the other animals in between! Have you heard about the Little Five? They are five small animals that share names with the big ones. Here are some facts about each one.

1.

The **Red-billed buffalo weaver** is a dark-feathered little bird with a bright red beak and they are omnivorous as their diet consists mainly of insects, seeds, and fruit.



2.

The **Antlion** is a small omnivorous insect that digs conical-shaped traps in sandy soil as larvae to help catch its intended prey of other smaller insects.



4.

The **Leopard tortoise** is herbivorous, with their diet consisting mostly of plants including forbs, thistles, grasses, and succulents, this also includes some types of small fruits.



3.

The **Elephant shrew** is a tiny insect-eating mammal that gets its name from its elongated snout.



5.

**Rhino beetles** are little herbivorous insects said to be among the strongest creatures in the world in proportion to their body weight.



### LET'S TRY THIS!

What kinds of wildlife can you see in your garden or school grounds? Send us your lists and photos on 076 173 7130!

