

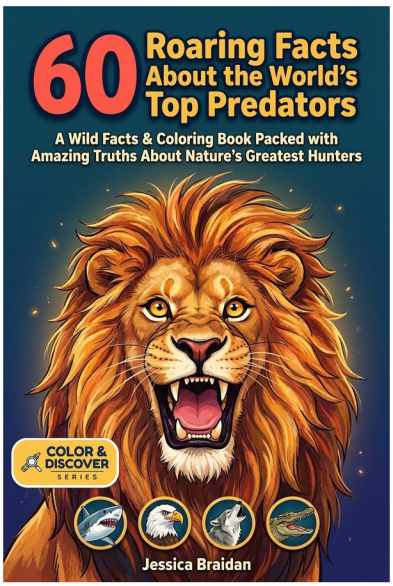
Did you know?

The Harpy Eagle's Forest Ambush

Hunter's Story: Deep inside the Amazon rainforest, the harpy eagle silently weaves between enormous tree trunks in search of its next meal. This massive eagle is built differently from open-sky hunters — its short, broad wings let it twist and turn through dense jungle without crashing into branches. It targets monkeys and sloths resting in the treetops, snatching them with talons as large as a grizzly bear's claws. The harpy eagle is so powerful it can carry prey that weighs almost as much as itself.

Wild Stat: A harpy eagle's talons can be up to five inches (13 cm) long — about the same length as a human finger from knuckle to tip!

Think Like a Scientist: Why do you think a rainforest hunter like the harpy eagle needs shorter wings than a bird that hunts over open fields? Think about the space available to fly.



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