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## What is it?

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### Across

1. **OPHIOPHAGY**—The king cobra feeds entirely on snakes. What is this feeding strategy called?
3. **CONCENTRATESELECTOR**—Animals that are highly selective of the quality of their forage.
5. **DETRITIVORE**—Feeding strategy describing a species feeding on the waste products of other animals in (usually) the aquatic environment.
8. **OSTEOPHAGY**—Occasional chewing on bones as a mineral supplement.
9. **GEOPHAGY**—Occasional eating of earth as a form of mineral supplement.
11. **CARNIVOROUS**—an organism feeding on the flesh of other animals.
12. **HETEROTROPHIC**—Requiring organic compounds of carbon and nitrogen for nourishment.
16. **HERBIVORE**—an organism feeding entirely on plant matter
17. **COPROPHAGY**—Eating the faeces of another species, primarily to ingest pro-biotic organisms.
18. **FRUGIVOROUS**—Birds like the purple turaco are said to be .....
19. **GRAMINIVOROUS**—The correct term for the strategy of eating grass.

### Down

2. **AUTOTROPHIC**—Relating to organisms that produce their own complex organic nutrition by photosynthesis.
4. **BULKFEEDER**—Animals that are not worried so much about the quality of their forage, but focus rather on quantity.
6. **MIXEDFEEDER**—Animals that are able to utilise different feeding strategies at different times of the year, or even simultaneously.
7. **BROWSER**—Description of an animal that derives the majority of its food from the leaves of trees and shrubs.
10. **INSECTIVOROUS**—Feeding on insects e.g. red-backed shrike
13. **OMNIVOROUS**—A species feeding in equal part on vegetation and flesh
14. **PISCIVOROUS**—Feeding primarily on fishes
15. **GRAZER**—Description of an animal that derives most of its food from eating grass.

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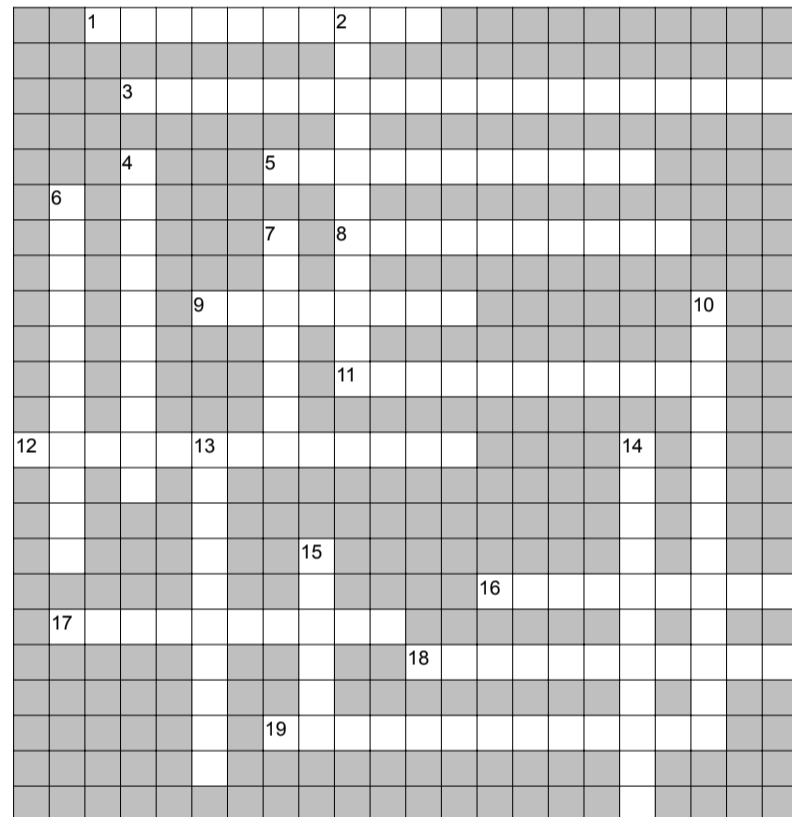
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## Lion Mane Myths

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New research shows that lion manes do not help protect fighting lions as was commonly thought. The real purpose of a lion's mane is not as simple as it may seem. Many biologists have surmised that because of the intense rivalry between males (for territory and females) the mane has evolved to protect the vulnerable head and neck region during fights.

Recently, more and more field biologists have realized that lions seldom target the head area during fights and have begun to think that the mane has another function. To discover this, evolutionary biologist Peyton West and her colleagues from the University of Minnesota used life-size lion dummies to test if manes indeed offered protection. The researchers first lured some lions to the testing area by playing tapes of hyenas feeding at a kill, and then presented them with the fake rivals. The real lions didn't attack the models at the neck, but on the back and hindquarters calling into question the protective-mane hypothesis. To see if the males were avoiding the neck because the mane was acting as a shield, the researchers repeated the tests with "maneless" fakes. But even with these exposed-neck models, the real lions went first for the backside. "We were pretty surprised to find so little evidence for protection," West says. But it turns out those shaggy manes are used for attracting females. In previous research published in 2002, West had shown that males with longer and darker manes were older, better fed, and better fighters. And because females rely on males to protect their cubs, it makes sense that females would prefer males with large manes. "Just as songbirds can advertise their quality through visual cues, so, apparently, do lions," says field biologist Jon Grinnell of Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota.

Research led by Dr Bruce Patterson from The Field Museum shows that a lion's mane can vary in thickness depending on the local climate and is not a result of evolution. Although useful for attracting a mate, a thick mane also comes at a price: it takes energy to grow and maintain, is cumbersome, makes a lion more visible and therefore can alert prey, can harbor parasites and most importantly, retains heat. In a northern climate, it helps a lion keep warm but in hotter areas, the lion risks overheating and so differential hair growth keeps the mane thinner.

COMMENT: - most guides in South Africa would have known

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intuitively that the mane is important for mate attraction and status, but it is important to remember that lions are not only found in South Africa. What happens here does not always happen elsewhere. Historically, lions were found very widely throughout Africa and Asia and taxonomists have allocated at least 23 sub specific forms to Panthera leo – largely based on the density, length and extent of the mane. The discovery that mane quality is climatically based is very significant for lion conservation in that the species might be far more homogenous than previously thought.



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## "What is It"?

The small object depicted is the "spit out" of a fruit bat. When finding a suitable fruit source, the bats pluck a piece and retire to a nearby tree to eat it in peace. The real energy of the fruit is contained in the soft flesh and not in the skin or the seed. Since bats cannot afford to carry around unnecessary mass, they discard the husks, skin and other fibrous parts of the selected fruit. This matter is compressed against the ridged palate to extract.

The loud clicks often heard from Fruit Bats around these feeding stations in the early evening are from the Egyptian rousette (*Rousettus aegyptiacus*). The tongue is used to emit these "clicks" which aid the bats orientation in low light conditions. Since sight and smell are the main senses used to locate fruit bearing trees, the "tongue click" has not developed into the "larynx click" used by the Microchiroptera sp. more advanced echo-location systems.

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