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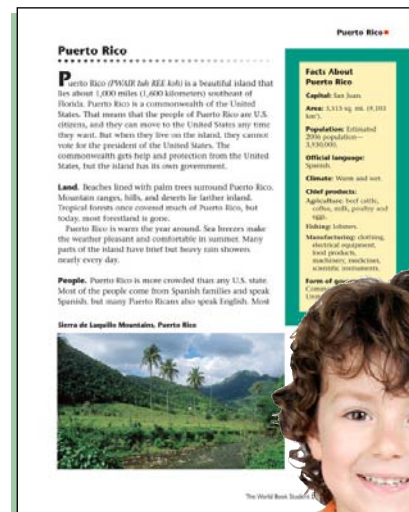
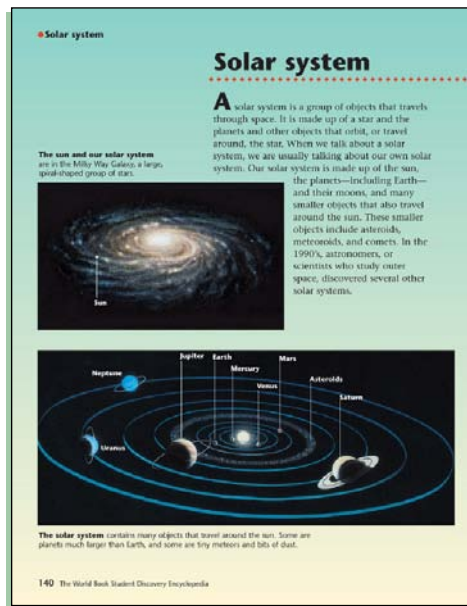
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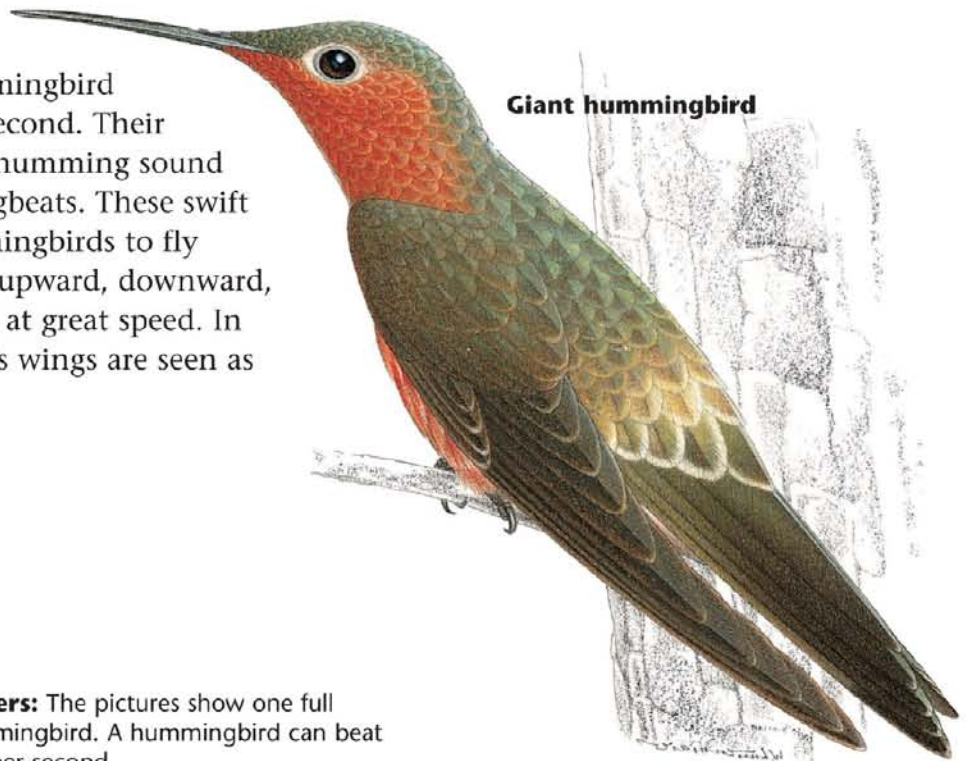
Hummingbird

Hummingbirds are small, brightly colored birds. They like to eat nectar—the sweet juice of flowers. Their long, thin beaks are just the thing for sucking the nectar from deep inside flowers. Hummingbirds also eat insects that they find in flowers or snatch from the air. The bodies of some kinds of hummingbirds have shimmering patches of emerald green, deep violet, bright red, and glowing orange. The smallest kind of hummingbird is only about 2 inches (5 centimeters) long.

The wings of a hummingbird beat 60 to 70 times a second. Their name comes from the humming sound made by their fast wingbeats. These swift wingbeats allow hummingbirds to fly quickly. They can dart upward, downward, backward, and forward at great speed. In flight, a hummingbird's wings are seen as a blur.



Bee hummingbird



Giant hummingbird

How a hummingbird hovers: The pictures show one full wingbeat of a hovering hummingbird. A hummingbird can beat its wings as fast as 70 times per second.

