

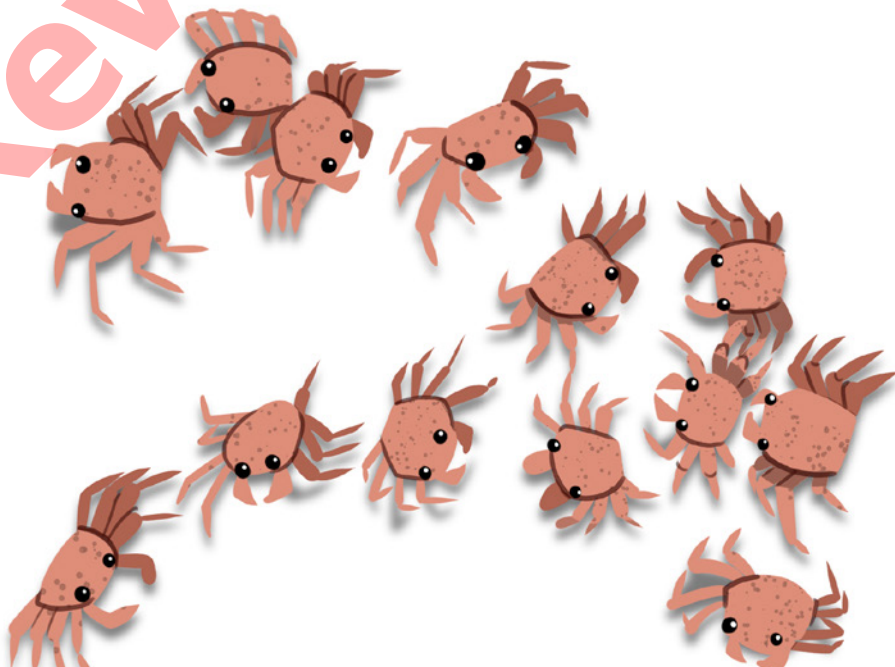
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ON THE MOVE WITH CHRISTMAS ISLAND RED CRABS



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Across the Island

Hi, I'm Cooper. I'm a Christmas Island red crab. I live in a burrow in the forest.





It's spring here on Christmas Island.
It is the rainy season. It's time for us
to migrate to the beach.

"Come on, Carlos! Come on, Caleb!"
I call to my friends.

There are about 45 million red crabs on this island. Once we're four years old, we migrate to the ocean to mate. The males start first. The females will join us soon. The beach is about two miles (3.2 kilometers) away. It takes us a couple weeks to get there.

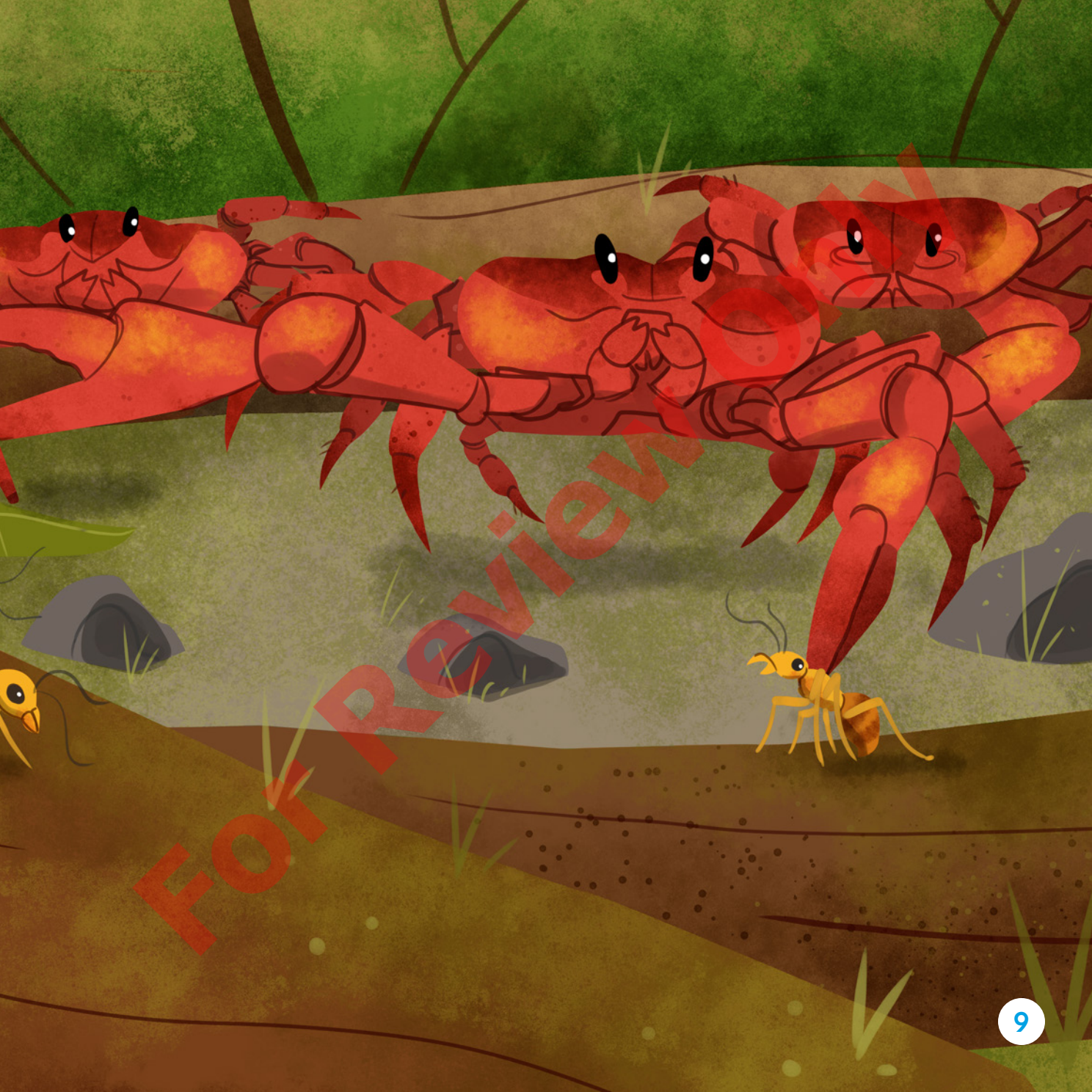


“Follow me, guys! This looks like a shortcut!” Caleb says.

“Stop!” says Carlos.

“That’s where the yellow crazy ants live! They’re small but dangerous predators. They spray acid. Let’s get out of here!”





Migration Map

Christmas Island is in the Indian Ocean. Christmas Island red crabs migrate from forests to the beach. The journey can take a couple weeks and can be several miles long. Take a look!

