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He’ll often deploy drones and LED panels to “paint” a scene during an exposure that can last several seconds or even minutes. For much of my time there, I was alone. “And it didn’t happen that way.” When the pandemic forced her to slow down…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]Delayed marriage, contraceptive use, and changes in abortion access contributed to a steep drop in fertility rates in the United States in the 1970s, after the baby boom era. Recently, using fluorescent dyes and laser microscopes, researchers have captured the most detailed images ever seen of human embryos growing in a lab. A shifting peak The U.S. birth rate has declined for all age groups since 1960, when the rate was highest for mothers ages 20-24. They’ve observed tadpoles hitching rides on bubbles from aquarium aeration stones and monitor lizards fetching soda cans like dogs. Each year eastern North American monarchs complete a seasonal migration of up to 3,000 miles, traveling from the United States and Canada to wintering grounds in Mexico. Well, not always. 1. Page 68 Michelle Nijhuis Based in rural Washington State, Nijhuis writes about conservation and climate change, including National Geographic feature stories on the Mekong River and the future of America’s national parks. Join them here: @natgeo, @natgeotravel, @natgeointhefield, @natgeoadventure, @natgeoyourshot, @natgeotv, @natgeowild, @natgeodocs…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]The island of Rottumeroog in the Netherlands is an uninhabited wilderness heavily protected by European nature laws. • Host a dance party, but ask everyone to partner with a…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]We all know the characteristic features of a giraffe: long neck, hornlike head protuberances, spotted coat. Genetic mutations are the likely cause, but the animals don’t seem to be at a disadvantage, says Derek Lee, a biologist at Penn State…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]THE BEST PICTURES ARE NOT TAKEN: Monarchs are actually toxic—and 5 other amazing butterfly facts. Alaka’i Swamp Trail, Kaua’i Sprawling over 4,345 acres in West Kaua’i, Kōke’e State Park has roughly 45 miles of hiking trails. 2. Along the way are native plants and trees, home to endemic birds including the “elepaio (monarch flycatcher) and “amianiau, a Hawaiian honeycreeper only found here. Only 2 percent reach adulthood. During ancient times, this was one of many footpaths (ala hele) across the Hawaiian Islands that linked coastal fishing villages. A Senior Fellow of the International League of Conservation Photographers, he has been given honors in competitions including the World Press Photo Contest and Wildlife Photographer of the…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]LOOKING AT THE EARTH FROM EVERY POSSIBLE ANGLE…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]ILLUMINATING THE MYSTERIES—AND WONDERS—ALL AROUND US EVERY DAY ON THE RARE OCCASION that a snowstorm blankets Washington, D.C., the city is transformed: The National Mall becomes a moonscape, the monuments turn alien, and the U.S. Capitol morphs into a castle on a cloud. But then she realized that many children don’t have access to the internet—or parents available to help them with their lessons. Can monarchs adapt to a rapidly changing world? 3. Her articles have run in outlets such as Slate and the Guardian. IN THIS ISSUEAT NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, we talk a lot about “charismatic species,” a loose term used by conservation biologists to describe animals that have the broadest public appeal. I wasn’t at the top of anyone’s list to photograph him. Disapproval…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]We grown-ups, with our grown-up responsibilities, often find it difficult to rediscover a childlike sense of fun. But…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]She helps give children in Indonesia access to quality education. She…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]LOOKING AT THE EARTH FROM EVERY POSSIBLE ANGLE…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]A SERIES OF FROGLIKE crouches. Jasper Doest spent nearly two months photographing the Netherlands’ Rottumeroog, where visitors are usually prohibited and he found a new sense of freedom. But it came to me at a time so difficult that even today I question whether I should have been there at all. Reasons range from conflict and discrimination to geography and lack of infrastructure. Although I lived in Rome at the time, I knew little about Vatican City or Pope Francis…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]HAWAIIAN LEGEND TELLS the story of the goddess Hi’iaka, who travels down a dusty trail on the windward coast of the Big Island of Hawai’i to a beach where she meets her sisters, including Pele, the volcano deity. Painted forest green, it houses an inventory of fieldwork immersion: a bed, a camp…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]ILLUMINATING THE MYSTERIES—AND WONDERS—ALL AROUND US EVERY DAY ON THE RARE OCCASION that a snowstorm blankets Washington, D.C., the city is transformed: The National Mall becomes a moonscape, the monuments turn alien, and the U.S. Capitol morphs into a castle on a cloud. Somewhat surprisingly, this plain, elderly man, who wished for a church that was “poor and for the poor,” had become an international celebrity, a coveted subject for almost every major news organization. Draw with your feet, turn a closet into a ball pit, or play mermaid in the bathtub. At home in Jakarta during the COVID-19 lockdown, Ara Kusuma noticed kids outside during school hours. Illegal mineral extraction Miners dredge for gold and other minerals along rivers. “Whether in a coronavirus situation or not,” she says, “education poses certain challenges.” UNESCO estimates that 250 million children worldwide do not attend school in person or remotely. In two to five days the larva emerges, consuming the shell as its first meal. 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But Green, a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Michigan and a National Geographic Explorer, has eyes only for the three dozen monarchs he captured earlier in the day. © 1996-2014, Amazon.com, Inc. Page 68 Jackie Molloy Molloy, a photojournalist in New York City, frequently focuses on the complex and evolving nature of family. EGG Females lay each wax-coated egg on the underside of a milkweed leaf. It consisted of songs she found calming and empowering, such as Diana Ross’s “I’m Coming Out,” and “Lovely Day,” by Bill Withers. I tried to avoid imposing my own narrative on the island, which has a sand foundation and is gradually drifting to…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]TICK. Saving the Monarchs: Inside the movement to help these beautiful- and vulnerable- butterflies thrive. The story appeared in Audubon magazine and other outlets, helping boost government funding for a breeding program. • Milkweed, which offers essential breeding habitat, is easy to grow in beds or container gardens. • In general, select the milkweed species best suited to your climate, but note that researchers advise against planting tropical milkweed (Asclepias).…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]Two weeks before her 48th birthday, Eboni Camille Chillis lay in a hospital bed, ready to give birth to her first child. Deforestation of Indigenous areas in the Amazon increased 129 percent between 2013 and 2021; illegal gold mining along rivers also has begun to pollute lands within protected areas. The two, which were photographed separately, have a symbiotic relationship: Alligators patrol the flooded forests where wood storks nest, keeping predators such as raccoons away from eggs. Since I was already halfway to a snow angel, I windshield-wiped my limbs to finish the job. TICK. Some fetuses have more than a million follicles, all formed in the first months of fetal…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]THE JAVARI RIVER SPLITS BRAZIL AND PERU as it flows deep into the Amazon forest. Monarchs are both beautiful and, in their own way, magical. They’ve videotaped poison dart frogs wrestling and paper wasps play fighting. Sometimes muddy and slippery, the 2.9-mile trail deposits visitors at an uncrowded shore known for its fine sands amid an otherwise rugged and rocky coast. In 1920, only 3 percent of all births to 40-year-old mothers were a…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]The Amazon’s Javari Valley, home to isolated tribes and long considered mostly inaccessible, is now facing serious environmental threats. For shipments outside the U.S. or Canada call +1 515-237-3673 to place orders…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]We all know the characteristic features of a giraffe: long neck, hornlike head protuberances, spotted coat. The caterpillar eats, growing larger and shedding its skin four times between stages called instars. Plus: extending fertility, a message in a bottle, and more. The number of eggs females have is set at birth—and is depleted later in life. One evening in the remote badlands of New Mexico, Wu found a grouping of eroded rock columns known as hoodoos. LARVA Milkweed is essential during the nine- to 14-day larval stage. “It must be how cyclists feel on the highway when they’re getting passed by semitrucks,” she says. CHRYSALIS The larva sheds its skin one last time to reveal the chrysalis. Ultimately, he hopes his work can inspire the creation of new protected areas. Thanks to these steps, there are now as many as 180 adults…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]Rebecca Tuhus-Dubrow From her home in California, Tuhus-Dubrow often writes about the intersection of society and technology. Few insects would be considered charismatic, but one that does fit the bill is the subject of this month’s cover story, the monarch butterfly. She hovers over moss or mushrooms while other visitors speed by. Indigenous lands (over 500 sq mi) These reserves have the dual purpose of ecological preservation and the protection of tribes within them, or its affiliates National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]AT NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, we talk a lot about “charismatic species,” a loose term used by conservation biologists to describe animals that have the broadest public appeal. Page 36 Lynsey…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]A SERIES OF FROGLIKE crouches. “And it didn’t happen that way.” When the pandemic forced her to…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]As a female eggs, and the embryos that develop from them run a greater risk of genetic abnormality. National Geographic has more than 455 million Instagram followers. She authored the book Beloved Beasts…IN THIS ISSUERebeca Tuhus-Dubrow From her home in California, Tuhus-Dubrow often writes about the intersection of society and technology. Only National Geographic Magazine’s individual issues are available for shipping outside of the U.S. and Canada. In 2012 National Geographic Explorer and Photo Ark founder Joel Sartore received a call from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: The songbird, an important ecological link in Florida’s dry prairies, was teetering on extinction. This can lead to infertility or miscarriage, risks that increase significantly after the age of 35. Fittingly, this one arrived on Christmas Day in 2014. Most notable is the seven-mile (round-trip) Alaka’i Swamp Trail, which follows the rim of Kalalau Valley into a rare montane bog environment some 4,000 feet above sea level. He applies a dot of epoxy between the wings of the butterfly…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]Two weeks before her 48th birthday, Eboni Camille Chillis lay in a hospital bed, ready to give birth to her first child. By 2022 the highest rate, now for mothers ages 30-34, had dropped by half from the 1960s. Waiting longer for their first child In the early 20th century, women gave birth in their 40s and older but typically not to their first child. ENDANGERED SPECIES FANSHELL MUSSEL TANGERINE DARTER ROANOKE DARTER ROANOKE DARTER ROANOKE DARTER Freshwater fanshell mussels rely on darter fish, including the tangerine and Roanoke, for their survival. I wanted to build a snowman, but no matter how gently I rolled my snowball in the glistening fluff, it refused to grow. Green and his fellow researchers have set up temporary quarters inside one of the area’s many private hunting lodges, and its walls are lined with the taxidermed heads of native and exotic game animals. When I awoke to this captivating scene one December morning, I immediately put on my warmest clothes and dashed outside. SOREN WALLJASPER, NGM STAFF SOURCES: AMAZON NETWORK OF GEOREFERENCED SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]The Amazon’s Javari Valley, home to isolated tribes and long considered mostly inaccessible, is now facing serious environmental threats. For shipments outside the U.S. or Canada call +1 515-237-3673 to place orders…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]We all know the characteristic features of a giraffe: long neck, hornlike head protuberances, spotted coat. The caterpillar eats, growing larger and shedding its skin four times between stages called instars. Plus: extending fertility, a message in a bottle, and more. The number of eggs females have is set at birth—and is depleted later in life. One evening in the remote badlands of New Mexico, Wu found a grouping of eroded rock columns known as hoodoos. 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In 2012 and 2013, I traveled there back and forth multiple times for an assignment, spending a total of 50 days and nights—an amazing opportunity, as visitors were usually prohibited. “You don’t need anyone’s permission to do it, and you get to enjoy the results.” To join the movement, says Tallamy, focus on supplying monarchs with their two basic needs: a place to breed and fuel for their long migration in the fall. Thanks to these steps, there are now as many as 180 adults in…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]Joel Sartore A conservation photographer who’s contributed more than 40 stories to the magazine, Sartore lives in Nebraska, near his childhood hometown. She’s happy to explain—after all, that’s the point of her project. Eventually, as people moved…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]ON A HOT, CLEAR OCTOBER DAY IN TEXAS HILL COUNTRY, ANDRE GREEN II IS GENTLY SHAVING A MONARCH BUTTERFLY. It came by way of a message in a bottle, tossed from the sea. This reality motivated 26-year-old Kusuma, a National Geographic Explorer, to launch the Aha! Project. With only a few dozen males showing up in counts, it was among North America’s most endangered bird species. “This is a grassroots approach,” says author and entomologist Doug Tallamy, co-founder of the organization Homegrown National Park. The setting so entranced her that she had her hundred dancers and musicians who traveled with her perform here before continuing on. Some fetuses have more than a million follicles, all formed in the first months…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]ENDANGERED SPECIES AMERICAN WOOD STORK AMERICAN ALLIGATOR After losing habitat, the wood stork was protected under the Endangered Species Act in 1984. The unprecedented sighting, at a private game reserve in Namibia (above), occurred just weeks after another animal with similar coloring was born at a Tennessee zoo. In the mid-1800s the trail was straightened and widened to accommodate horses and wheeled carts. Hawai’i Queen Emma visited the swamp on her comeback in 1870. The path to Hā’ena Beach, also called Shipman Beach, is still intact. Moanalua Valley, O’ahu This hike can be as short or as long as you want, from an easy hour-long stroll…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]ON A HOT, CLEAR OCTOBER DAY IN TEXAS HILL COUNTRY, ANDRE GREEN II IS GENTLY SHAVING A MONARCH BUTTERFLY. And there, on this remote beach in Puna, Hi’iaka danced what some consider the first hula. I’ve come to see how these people, who…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]The island of Rottumeroog in the Netherlands is an uninhabited wilderness heavily protected by European nature laws. They discovered that the jawbone transmits sound to the inner ear just as well as the mastoid bone, used by some hearing aids. 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Page 108 Jaime Rojo An Explorer since 2020, Rojo is a photographer from Spain who specializes in stories about wilderness, wildlife, and people. For weeks each year, the Calgary native creeps along footpaths in some of Canada’s most stunning wild spaces. The only signs of human life along the waterway are the occasional boat or dock on the Peruvian side. “I would fall in love, get married, have a baby.” the Atlanta-based educator and entrepreneur told me. The song of the Florida grasshopper sparrow is unusual and surprisingly insect-like. Funded by a National Geographic Society grant, Sartore flew to Florida to photograph the bird and work with conservationists to raise awareness of the species’ plight…From a pink dolphin slinking through the Amazon’s waters to the sight of monarch butterflies filling the skies of Mexico, this year’s best photos will take you on a journey across the planet. In 2022 she was featured in the “30: New and Emerging Photographers to Watch” program. Sometimes, though, hikers stop and ask what she sees that they don’t. Tree-cover loss (2000-2022) Natural causes of deforestation include fires and storms, but in the Amazon the leading causes are logging and clear-cutting for pastures or farming. (You can learn more about the migration in an episode of our series Incredible Animal Journeys, streaming on Disney+.) The monarch’s need for…IN THIS ISSUETICK. • Give yourself permission to be weird. Here’s how to start: • Let yourself get bored. North America has two populations: western monarchs that breed west of the Rockies and winter in coastal California, and eastern monarchs that breed in the Great Plains, Canada, and Florida, before many migrate to central Mexico for the winter. ENDANGERED SPECIES FANSHELL MUSSEL TANGERINE DARTER ROANOKE DARTER Freshwater fanshell mussels rely on darter fish, including the tangerine and Roanoke, for their survival. She…National Geographic Magazine (January 1, 2024) - The new issue features ‘Saving The Monarchs’ - Inside the movement to help these beautiful and vulnerable butterflies thrive: Can monarchs adapt to a rapidly changing world? LARVA Milkweed is essential during the nine- to 14-day larval stage. He applies a dot of epoxy between the wings of the butterfly in…National Geographic Magazine[January 2024]In the United States, where lawns and other residential landscapes cover nearly 140 million acres, tens of thousands of people are turning their outdoor spaces into habitat for monarchs and other species. This is how Jülya Hajnoszky describes her slow and unconventional mode of hiking. The area within Indigenous lands used for unlawful mining rose 495 percent from 2010 to 2020. An Explorer since 2012, Sartore was named Rolex National Geographic Explorer of the Year in 2018. A few nurses joined in too. 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