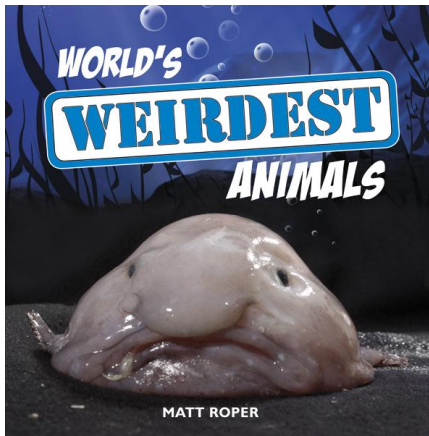


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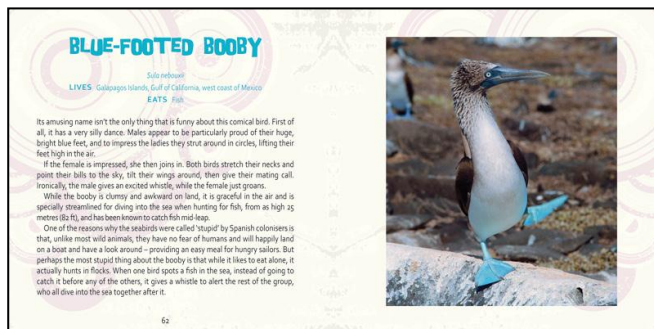
World's WEIRDEST Animals

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North American wood frogs freeze solid in the winter, their heart and brain cease to function, and they can be considered clinically dead. But in the spring they thaw out and come back to life.

Whales that look like unicorns, lizards that squirt jets of blood from their eyes, naked rats that can sprint backwards... It seems as though some creatures have been put on this earth just to make us laugh.

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Female brown trout will fake an orgasm when they don't want a particular male to fertilise their eggs. Once they have convinced the male he has mated successfully, they will move on to find a better male with which to do the real thing.

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