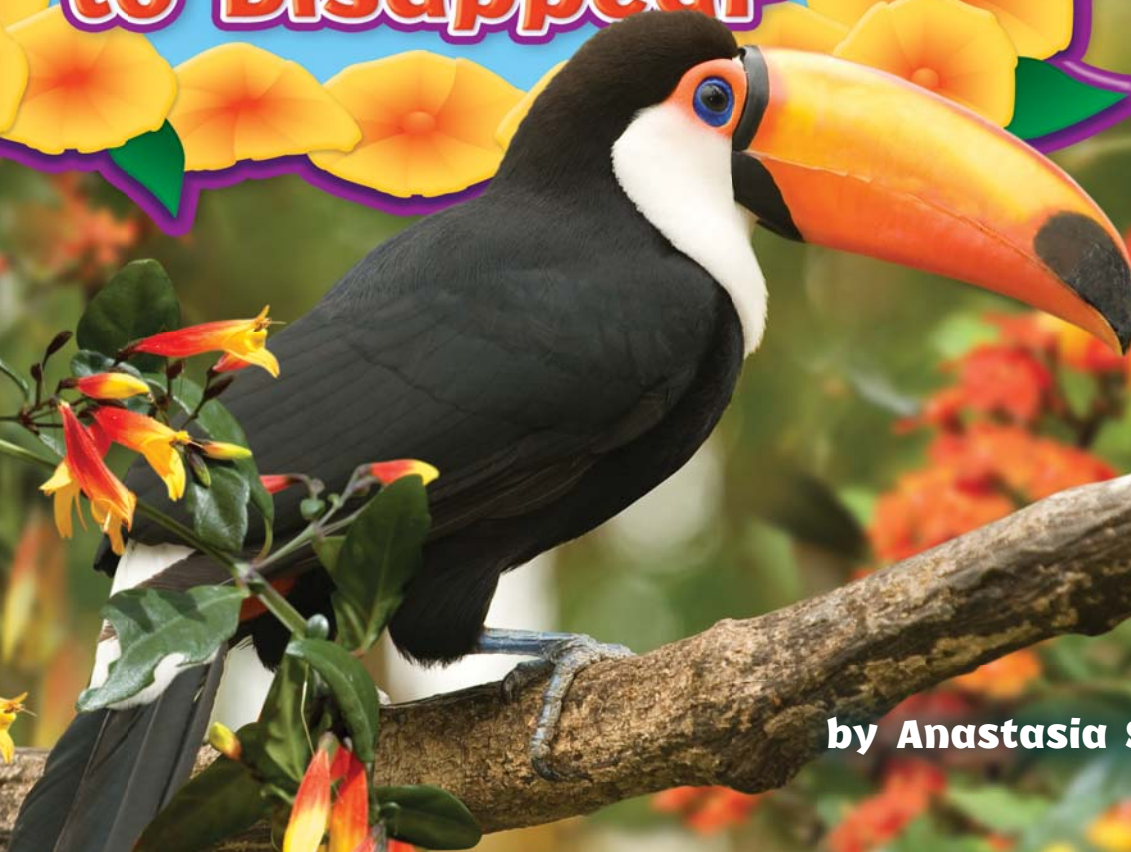


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# TOCO Toucans

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to Disappear



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# Look Again

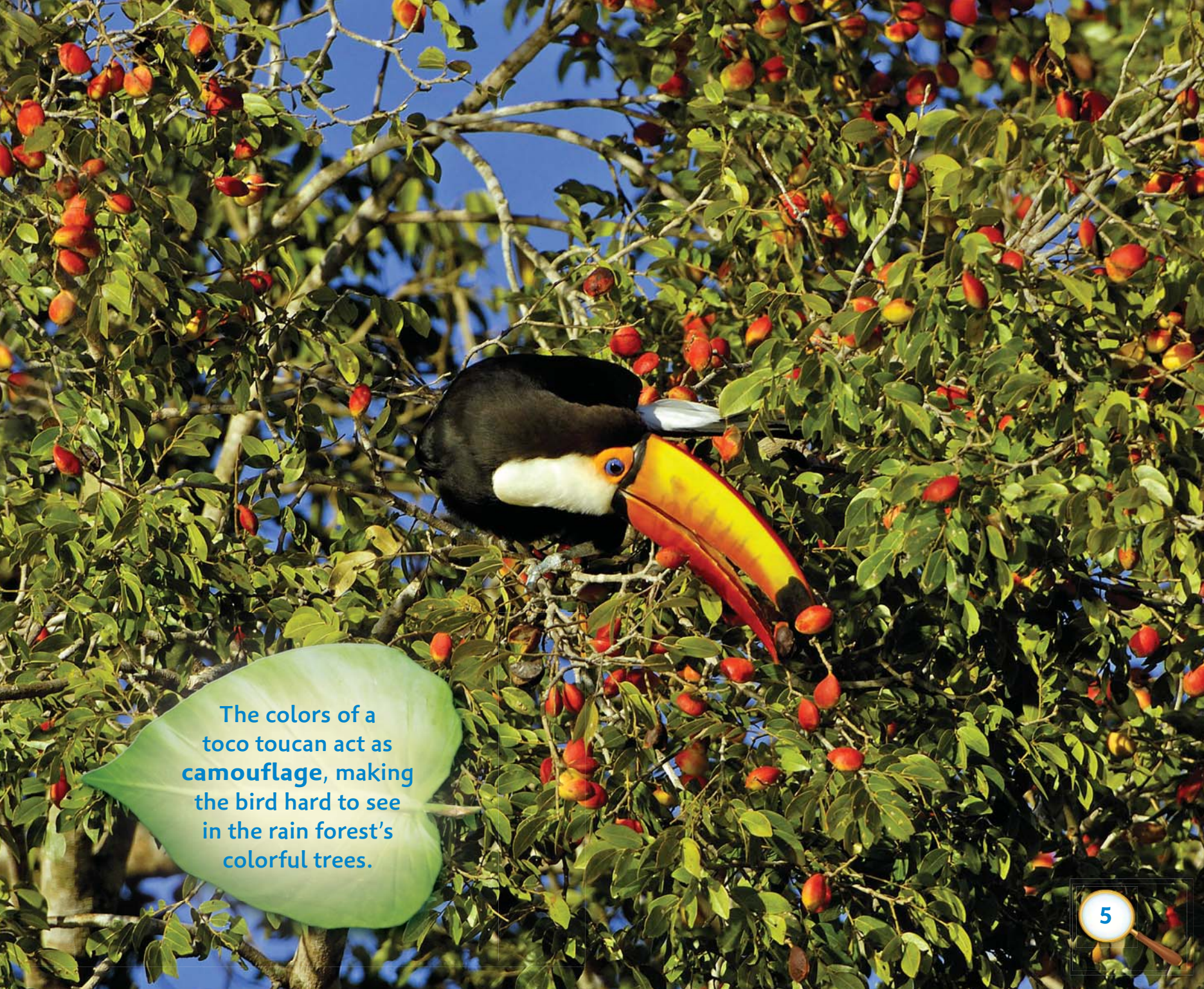
In the lush tropical **rain forest**, brightly colored fruit can be seen growing in trees.

Look closely, however.

One of the pieces of fruit isn't really fruit.

It's a bird called a toco toucan!



A toucan bird with a large, colorful beak (yellow, orange, and red) and black and white plumage is perched on a branch. The bird is surrounded by dense green foliage and numerous small, round, red fruits. The background is a clear blue sky.

The colors of a  
toco toucan act as  
**camouflage**, making  
the bird hard to see  
in the rain forest's  
colorful trees.





# Hiding in Plain Sight

Toco toucans live mostly in trees in the rain forests of South America.

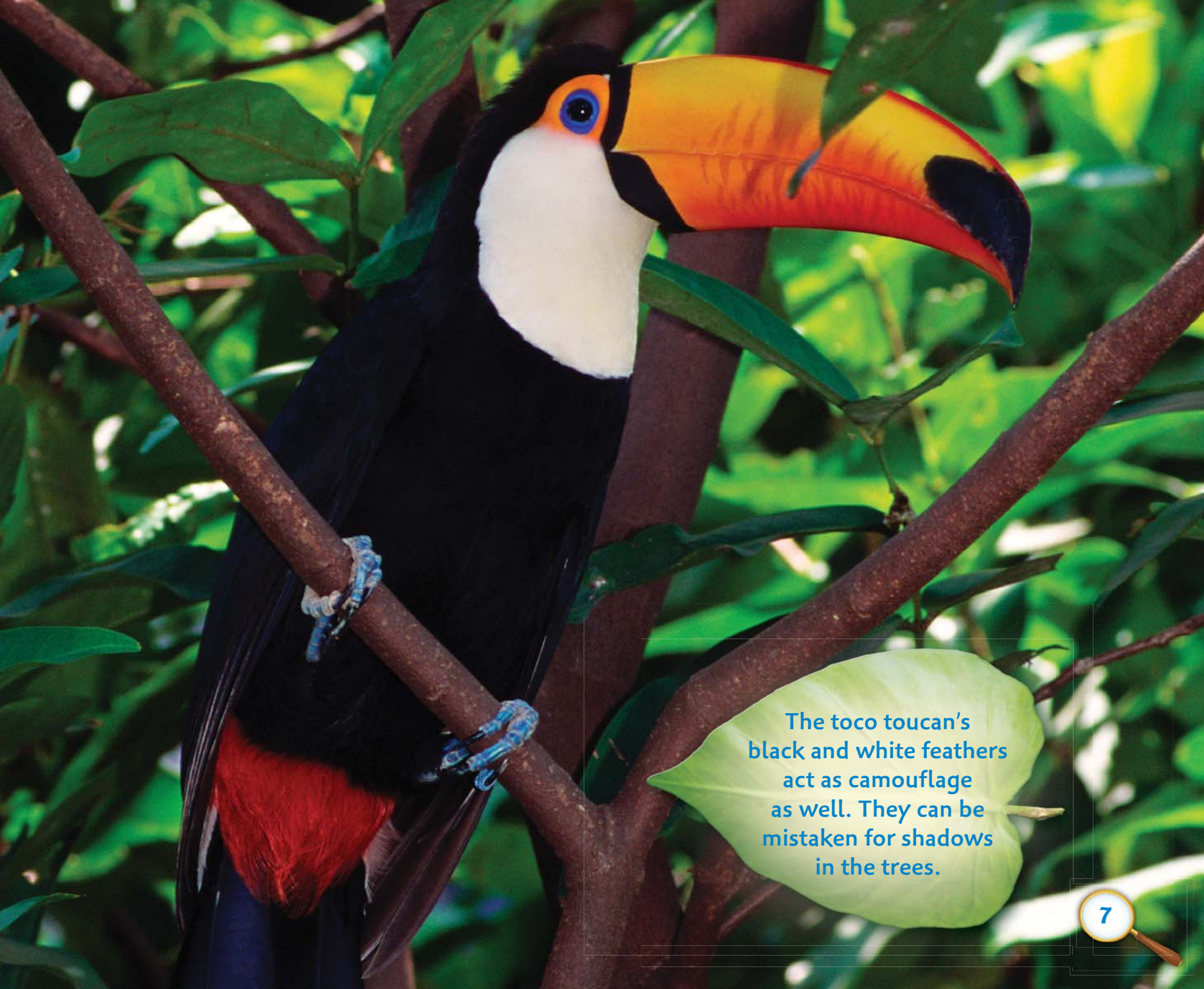
Their bright colors can trick other animals into thinking they are something they're not.

From a distance, the color and size of the toucan's red feathers, found under its tail, can look like a flower or a piece of fruit.

The color of the orange skin around the bird's eyes can also be mistaken for a flower or fruit growing in a tree.







The toco toucan's black and white feathers act as camouflage as well. They can be mistaken for shadows in the trees.



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Is that a flower on the tree, or is it a toco toucan? Sometimes it's hard to tell. The toco toucan's bright colors can be mistaken for a flower growing on a tree, allowing the animal to blend in with its surroundings. Hungry animals fly right by the camouflaged creature, missing out on a tasty meal. Look inside to learn more about the ways these masters of disguise live and stay safe—but keep a close eye on them. If you don't, they might disappear right before your eyes.

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