



*A Lesser dwarf shrew mother caravanning with her young. Each young bites onto the body of the one in front of it.*

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*A Lesser dwarf shrew eating a small grasshopper.*

## NUWE MIERSPESIE ONTDEK

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Die biologie van die Grondspeg, *Geocolaptes olivaceus* word tans in die Golden Gate Hoogland Nasionale Park deur die Departement Ornitologie van die Nasionale Museum bestudeer. Hierdie is een van die weinige voëlspesies wat uitsluitlik miere vreet. In 'n poging om vas te stel hoeveel en watter soorte miere beskikbaar is vir dié voëls om te vreet is daar soveel moontlik miere versamel en na dr. André Prins van die Suid-Afrikaanse Museum in Kaapstad vir identifikasie gestuur. Volgens dr. Prins, 'n kenner op die gebied van miere, was daar tussen die materiaal 'n nuwe spesie van die genus *Camponotus*.

Ontledings van die mis van die Grondspeg is nog nie gedoen nie en daar is tot op datum nog geen aanduiding of die voël van die nuwe mierspesie vreet nie. Interessant egter is dat 'n tweede nuwe mierspesie onlangs gevind is in die mis van Grondspegte in die suidwes Kaap naby Simonstad. Dit wil dus voorkom asof die huidige Grondspegstudies baie meer inligting verskaf as wat enige persoon kon voorsien en beslis 'n groot bydrae maak tot die taksonomie van miere in Suid-Afrika.



*Die Grondspeg, 'n voël wat uitsluitlik van miere leef.*

# NURSERY SCHOOL MUSEUM SERVICE

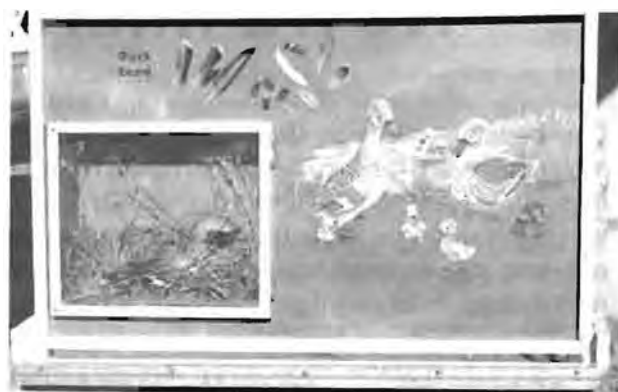


*A frog showcase in the background with some toddlers and their impressions in front.*

*One of the travelling showcases.*

The Nursery School Museum Service which was initiated in 1979 continues to be tremendously popular with toddlers and pre-primary teachers in Bloemfontein. Ten travelling showcases depicting the natural history of the suricate, yellow mongoose, squirrel, snake, sheep, sparrow, hedgehog, frog, duck and bushman are circulated among the subsidised pre-primary nursery schools in Bloemfontein. Each showcase, which consists of a diorama, is accompanied by pamphlets on the subject and a pinning board on which the children can pin their own impressions.

In view of the demand, several new showcases such as those of the hare, dassie, elephant shrew, dung beetle and S. Sotho are presently being constructed. In the process the Museum has not omitted to keep abreast of new approaches in pre-primary education, therefore the opinions of Mrs. D. Botha, Departmental Head of Pre-Primary education at the Bloemfontein Teachers Training College and Mrs. G. Muller, Head Mistress of Sunlawns Pre-Primary School were sought. Consequently improvements such as touch panels, colour slides and sound tapes will be incorporated in the new showcases.



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## HIER WORD VERGADER

*Die Nasionale Museum beskik oor 'n volledige toegeruste ouditorium met 196 sitplekke, elk met 'n lessenaarblad, lugreeling en verskeie projeksiefasiliteite. Verskeie verenigings en klubs wat op 'n gereelde basis hiervan gebruik maak sluit onder meer die volgende in: O.V.S. Filateliese Vereniging, Natuurlewevereniging, Studiegroep van die Mens/Dier-Kontak, Bloemfontein Kameraklub, Botaniese Vereniging, Geologiese Vereniging, Enkelouervereniging, S.A. Vervoerdienste se Tegniese Vereniging en Gesinsorg- en Huweliksvereniging.*

