

G-O-BOOBY!

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What is it like to be a blue-footed booby?

Blue-footed boobies nest on land at night. In the morning, they fly out to sea to search for breakfast. When they spot small fish, like anchovies, they fold their wings back around their bodies and dive into the water from high in the sky. **What is it like to be you?**



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Why do blue-footed boobies dance?

(Animal behavior) Dancing is how male birds show off their blue feet to female birds. (The bluer the feet the stronger and healthier the bird.) They parade around kicking high and tipping their beaks to the sky. Then the male gives the female a gift; a small stone or stick.

Can you make up a special dance?

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Boobies blue feet come from the fish they eat.

(Imagination) If you could be many colors what would they be and how would you use them?

Discuss colors and ways to use them. (Ex: Blue hair to blend into the blue sky, green skin to hide in trees).

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When boobies stretch out their wings they are 34" from tip to tip. How long are your arms when you stretch them out? **(Mathematics)**

Using a tape measure mark 34" on the floor. Have children lay down next to the mark with their arms outstretched. Compare the difference.

How much longer are the birds wings?

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What would you do if you were a booby?

(Pretend play scenarios)

Where would you sleep, what would you eat, who would be your friend?

When you are done playing draw a picture of the blue-footed booby story you created.



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