



The Galapágos Islands

The Galapágos are a group of volcanic islands in the Pacific Ocean near the west coast of Ecuador, in South America.

Cut off from the mainland, the islands are home to a diverse, often unique, range of animal and plant species.

The islands were made famous by Charles Darwin's scientific studies and are now a protected World Heritage Site.



Just as Charles Darwin did in 1835, you are about to take a tour of these beautiful islands. As you look at the images, make descriptive notes – in sentences - about:

- the unique and colourful creatures
- the varied, stunning landscape and plants
- what you might see, hear, smell, touch and even taste!

Your task is to write a journal about your experience.

Tuesday: take notes; you may want to do additional research

Wednesday: write the journal entry

Bartolomé Island



Prickly pear cactus



The cactus fruit is very sweet and can be eaten raw, right off the plant.

Cactus trees on South Plaza Island



Barren lava fields on the Galapagos



Succulent sesuvium grass, Floreana Island



Gadner Bay Beach, Española Island



Galapagos sea lions



Sierra Negra volcano, Isabela Island



Giant tortoise



Iguana



Sally Lightfoot crab, Fernandina Island



Whitetip reef shark in tropical waters



Blue-footed booby



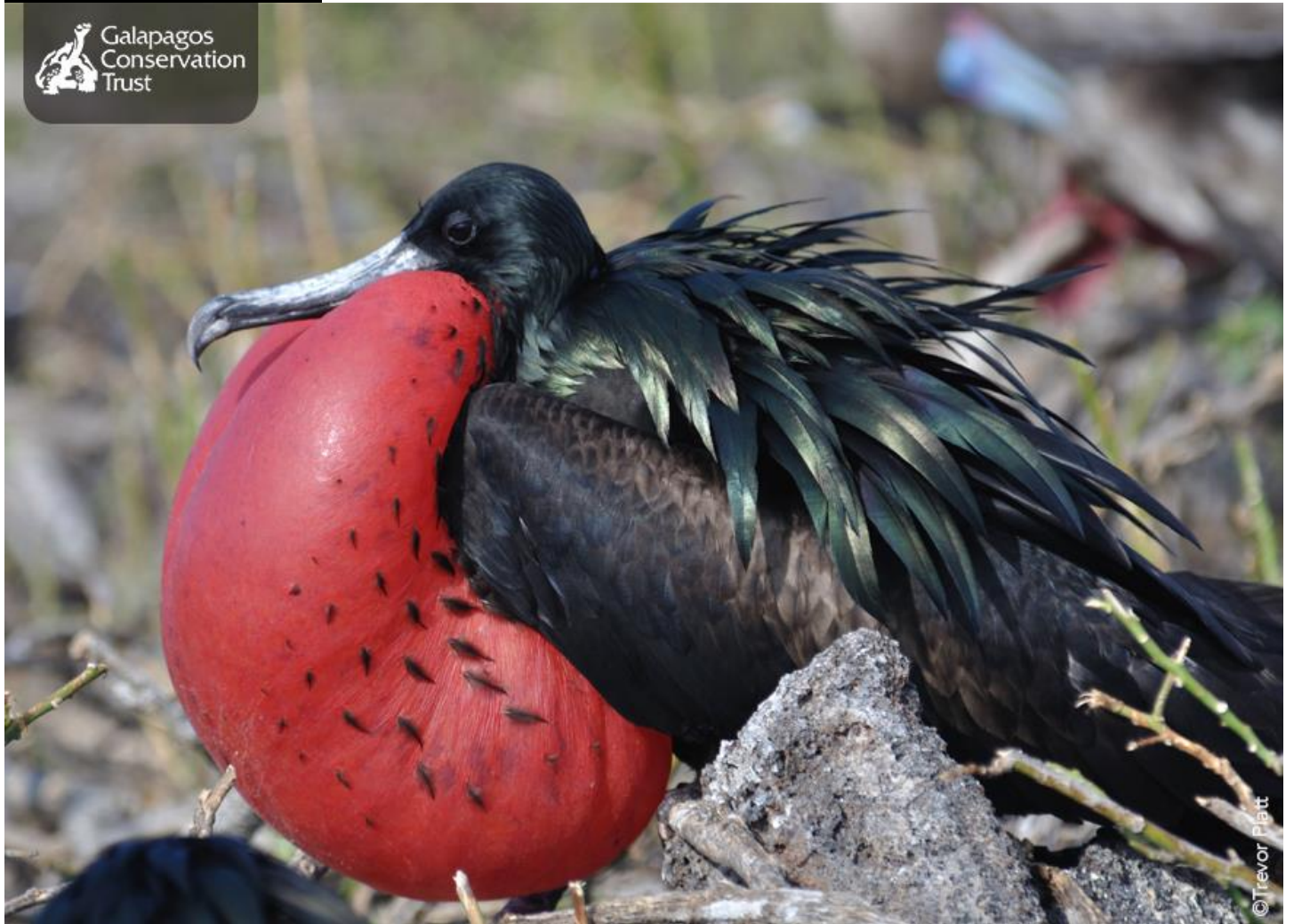
Red-footed booby



Great frigatebird



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Lava gull, Genovesa Island



Now you have glimpsed and described the wonders of the Galapágos, take a moment to read your journal entry out loud.

- Are your sentences clear?
- Do they flow well together?
- Can you add any detail or refine your descriptions?
- Have you written in Standard English, as Darwin would have?