



# ALL ABOUT AFRICAN LOCUSTS



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## Creating Young Nonfiction Readers

*EZ Readers* lets children delve into nonfiction at beginning reading levels. Young readers are introduced to new concepts, facts, ideas, and vocabulary.

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A lot of information can be found by “reading” the charts and photos found within nonfiction text. Help your reader learn more about the different ways information can be displayed.

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Locusts and grasshoppers are related. There is one big difference. Locusts can change **behavior**.





A large swarm of locusts is shown flying over a landscape. The sky is filled with a dense cloud of small, dark insects. In the background, there are several palm trees and a line of green vegetation. The foreground is dominated by a large, dark green bush or tree. The overall scene is a natural setting, likely in a tropical or subtropical region.

Locusts usually like to be alone. Sometimes they become **social**. These locusts form **swarms** that can stretch for hundreds of miles. There can be billions of locusts in a single swarm. These swarms are a huge problem.



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