



# Pourquoi ces oiseaux mangent-ils tout le temps ?

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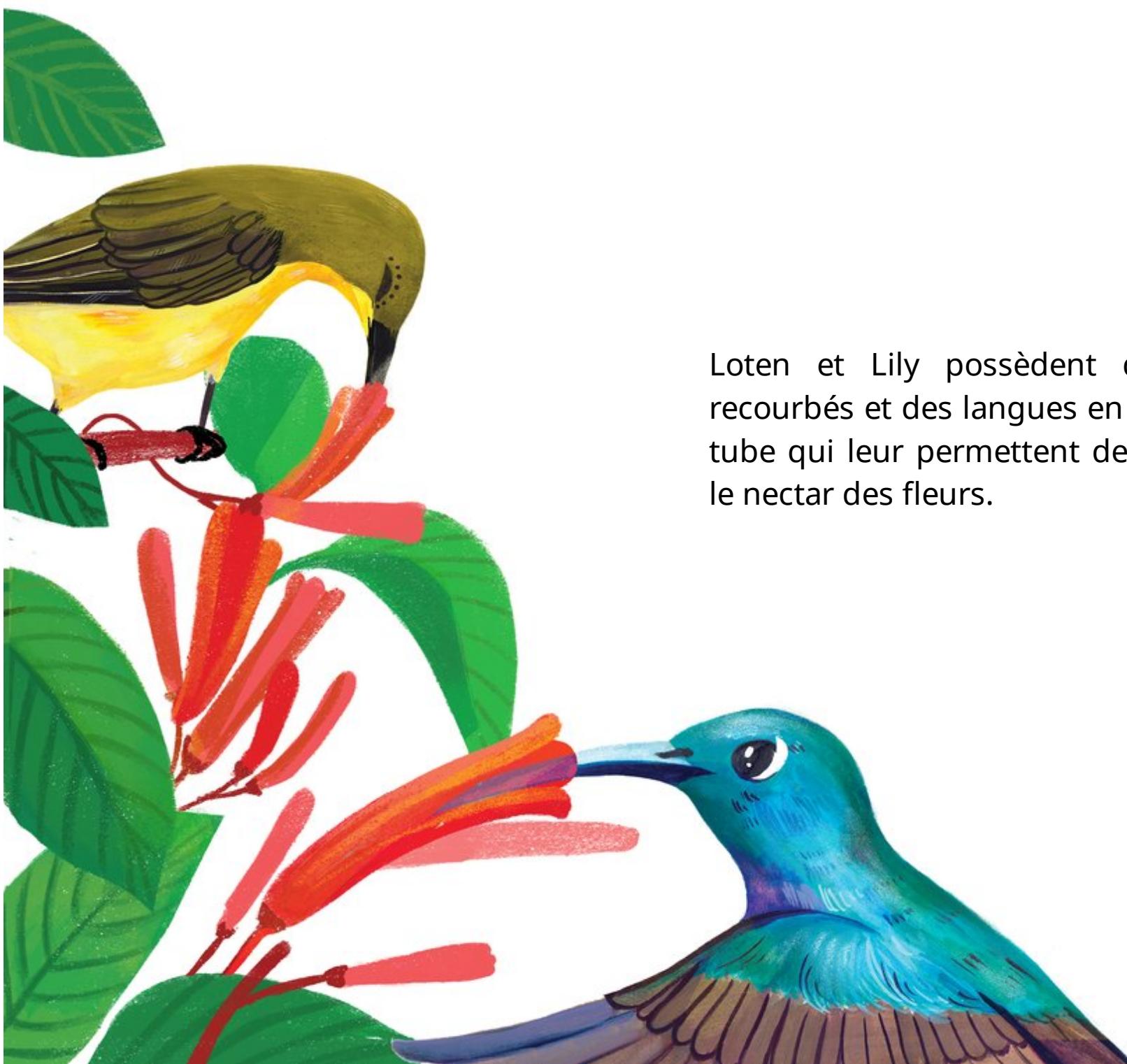
Voici Loten. C'est un Souimanga à long bec.  
Ses plumes sont violet et marron.

Cet oiseau jaune et gris, c'est sa sœur, Lily.



Les souimangas à long bec, comme Loten et Lily, vivent en Inde et au Sri Lanka.  
Ils mesurent environ quatorze centimètres de long  
et pèsent le poids d'une petite pièce de monnaie.





Loten et Lily possèdent des becs recourbés et des langues en forme de tube qui leur permettent de recueillir le nectar des fleurs.

Lorsque Loten et Lily étaient des bébés, leurs becs étaient courts et larges, ce qui permettait à leurs parents de les nourrir facilement.

Leurs parents prédigéraient la nourriture dans leur estomac, puis la recrachaient dans le bec des oisillons.



En grandissant, Loten et Lily ont pris des forces et ont appris à voler.

Ils ont aussi appris à trouver leur nourriture tout seuls.



Loten et Lily puisent leur énergie dans les aliments qu'ils consomment et dans l'eau qu'ils boivent.

Cette énergie leur permet d'utiliser leurs muscles pour voler.



Contrairement aux humains, Loten et Lily ne peuvent pas stocker beaucoup d'énergie dans leur corps sous forme de graisse.

Ils doivent donc rester très légers.

Sinon, ils ne pourront pas voler.





C'est la raison pour laquelle les souimangas doivent s'alimenter plusieurs fois par jour.

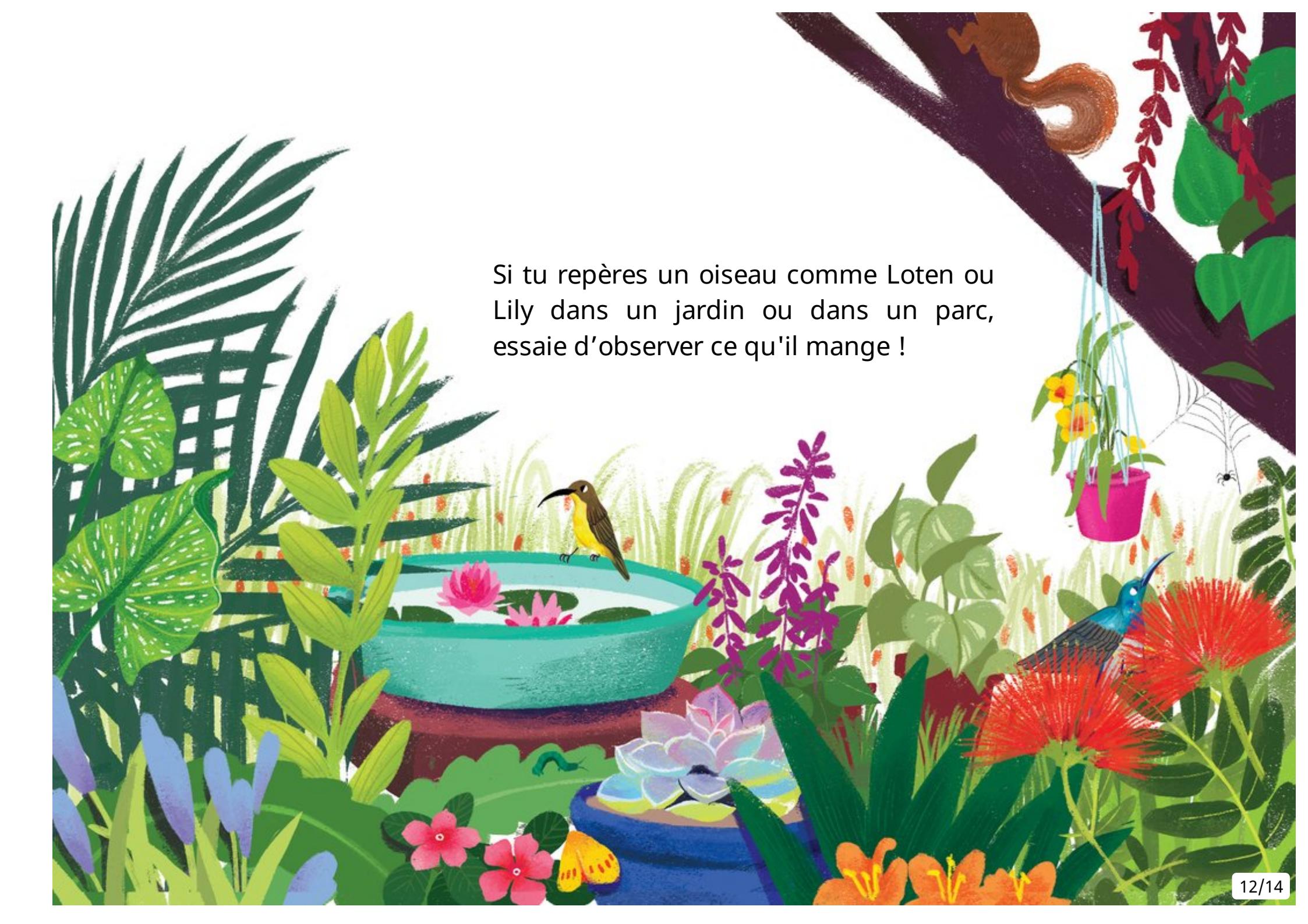
En fait, ils passent une grande partie de leur temps à voler à la recherche de nourriture.

Ils aiment manger des insectes  
et des araignées.

Loten et Lily aspirent le  
nectar des fleurs.

Il leur arrive de  
manger des petits  
fruits juteux.



A vibrant, colorful illustration of a tropical garden. In the center-left, a small blue and yellow bird with a long beak stands on the edge of a circular teal pond. The pond is filled with pink lotus flowers and green lily pads. To the right, a larger blue and orange bird with a long beak is perched on a red flower. The garden is lush with various tropical plants, including large green leaves, purple flowers, and red flowers. A pink hanging basket with yellow flowers is visible in the background. A dark branch with red flowers and a small spider web hangs from the top right. The overall scene is bright and full of life.

Si tu repères un oiseau comme Loten ou  
Lily dans un jardin ou dans un parc,  
essaie d'observer ce qu'il mange !

## D'où vient l'énergie ?

L'énergie provient de la nourriture.  
Les animaux, y compris les humains et les oiseaux,  
ont besoin d'énergie pour se maintenir en vie.

L'énergie permet à notre corps de fonctionner et à notre cerveau de penser.

Certains oiseaux doivent s'alimenter toutes les deux heures,  
sinon ils n'ont pas assez d'énergie pour rester en vie.

Les animaux plus grands, comme les humains adultes,  
peuvent survivre plusieurs jours sans nourriture.

Mais pour bien vivre,  
nous devons nous alimenter plusieurs fois par jour !







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(French)

As-tu déjà vu des petits oiseaux voler dans ton jardin ? Pourquoi volent-ils sans arrêt ? Comment trouvent-ils l'énergie nécessaire pour rester en vol ? Découvre-le dans ce petit livre sur les souimangas à long bec.

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