

SCAVENGER HUNTS

THE TOLEDO ZOO SCAVENGER HUNTS AND ACTIVITY SHEETS

Explore the Zoo in a whole new way with our activity sheets and scavenger hunts. Each one features a particular group of animals, adding new focus to your field trip. The answer key is provided at the end of each activity.

Please note: some lessons encourage information-gathering activities at specific Zoo locations. Before planning a field trip where those lessons are incorporated, educators can contact us at 419.385.5721 to inquire if the exhibit(s) will be accessible. Weather, construction and other factors may influence whether an exhibit is open.

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NATURE'S MOST WANTED:

Discover some of the rarest animals at the Zoo. All the animals in this scavenger hunt are endangered species!

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WHERE'S THE WACKY AND WEIRD:

Only the coolest, most unusual animals are part of this scavenger hunt. Search the Zoo to find the animals with the wackiest and weirdest adaptations.



NATURE'S MOST WANTED

Endangered Species at the Toledo Zoo

1. When first born I am only a pound. When I grow up, my hair looks white but it's actually translucent (or clear)! My favorite activity in the wild is swimming and hunting for seals. (Polar Bear)

I am a _____

2. Many think that we are hyenas, but don't be confused – we aren't related. My friends and I have a few different names describing how we look and how we hunt. We hunt in a pack and take turns chasing our prey! (African Wild Dog / African Painted Dog/ Cape Hunting Dog)

We are _____

3. All of the species of my type of animal are endangered. I am a rescued animal that can no longer live in the wild, so I live in the aquarium as an ambassador. (Tink, the sea turtle)

I am a _____

4. We are the largest of the big cats! A group of us is called an 'ambush' or 'steak.' Though, we tend to hunt alone at night. We will quietly stalk our prey before we pounce! (Amur Tiger)

We are _____

5. I am an Asian bird found on the island of Mauritius. My body is pink, but my wings are brown with a broad rusty-brown tail. There are only about 100 of me left in the wild. (Mauritius Pink Pigeon)

I am a _____

6. I am a medium sized primate with black fur and white sideburns. When I am first born I have a bright yellow to orange coat which will darken as I get I get older. All of the females in our group will allomother, or take care of all the infants in a group. (Francois' Langur)

I am a _____

7. I'm a large black bird with feathers on my head. Most others birds in my species are bald to help with clean up after we eat our favorite food: dead or decaying animals! (Cinereous Vulture)

I am a _____

8. I live in the ocean and use my special tail to hold on to rocks and plants. Like the kangaroo or the koala, I have a pouch to hold young, but it is on the males not the females. (Sea Horse)

I am a _____

9. My name can be translated to, "wild man of the forest" I am capable of making vocalizations that can be used to communicate throughout the jungle. I move gracefully through the trees, but I have awkward, slow moments on the ground. (Orangutan)

I am a _____

10. I am a fish that was once found in Lake Victoria. Since an invasive species was introduced, I have become extinct in the wild. Who am I? (Victoria Cichlids)

I am a _____

11. I am an African flightless bird. My back is black and my belly is white to help me hide from predators above me AND below me at the same time! (African Penguin)

I am a _____

12. I'm an amphibian with gill slits and lungs. One of my nicknames is a "snot otter." You may find me lurking in a stream, under rocks hunting small fish. (Hellbender)

I am a _____

13. I am an amphibian that was extinct in the wild and only found in two zoos. More than half our population is found right here at The Toledo Zoo. Even though I'm only the size of a fingernail, I'm still very important. (Kihansi Spray Toad)

I am a _____

14. I play an important role in human life, from the honey I produce to the plants I pollinate! I communicate with my friends by 'wagging' but I'll communicate with you with my buzz! (Bees)

I am a _____

15. I am an endangered green lizard with white bands on my body. I live on the Fiji and Tonga Islands in the South Pacific and spend my days basking in trees. (Fiji Island Iguana)

I am a _____

16. I have big ears that I can use as a fan when the weather gets too hot. Despite my size, I walk on my tip toes all the time! And the whole bottom of my foot is one giant toenail! (Elephant)

I am a _____



Where's the Wacky and Weird?

1. When first born, this primate's hair is tan, around 1 year it turns to black. Then when the female finds her mate, she turns back to tan and the males stay black.

2. While most fish use gills to breath, these fish have lungs that they can use when the water becomes stale or stagnant.

3. Don't mistake this bird for a mammal because of its name—even though it has a horn it's not used the same way. When the female is ready to start her family, the male closes her up in a hollow tree.

4. To confuse predators and avoid a splash, these fish use bacteria to make a flash. You might think it's their eyes, but guess again—it's actually a patch *below* their eyes!

5. You can find me and my brother lying around in the African Savanna. Some people say that we are albinos, but we just have recessive genes that make us white or tawny.

6. The Waldrapp ibis is a metallic dark green bird that lives near the Cori Bustards here at the Zoo. What color is its head?

7. I spend half of the day eating leaves way up high. My long, sticky black tongue helps me with this task. I can grow to be 19 feet tall, who am I?

Who is my closest relative and how are we alike?

8. These ants don't necessarily go marching 2 by 2; the females do all of the work. They grow fungus gardens for the whole colony.

9. These athletic cats have many adaptations to help them survive. They have non-retractable claws, a long tail and black "tear lines" on its face.

10. This African species always has someone standing sentry. Who am I and what does standing sentry mean? Hint: I am Timon from *The Lion King*.

11. Gray and Harbor seals can hold their breath for _____ minutes. Why do they swim upside down?

12. I am a very hairy monkey, and I'm black and white with a long tail. Who am I and how does my tail help me?

13. This animal has the hairiest nose of all. Its hairy nose comes in a horn form. We use it for protection, defending and even helping to get our food we eat?

14. Although we are a type of fish, we do not have any bones. Instead our bodies have flexible cartilage.

Where's the Wacky and Weird Answer Key

- 1. White cheeked gibbon**
- 2. Lungfish (African, South American, and Australian)**
- 3. Rhinoceros hornbill**
- 4. Flashlight fish**
- 5. Siegfried and Roy's white lions**
- 6. The head is featherless but has red skin**
- 7. Giraffe. The okapi is the closest relative; they walk the same and both have the long prehensile tongue.**
- 8. Leaf cutter ants**
- 9. Cheetahs**
- 10. Meerkats. To watch for predators**
- 11. 30 minutes. To watch for predators**
- 12. Colobus monkey. Tails help them with balance when jumping from tree to tree.**
- 13. White rhinoceros**
- 14. Sharks and rays**