

National Zoo Animal Fact Scavenger Hunt

This scavenger hunt will send you all over the National Zoo looking for facts about the animals here. Answers can be found on signs by the animals and from volunteer interpreters. When you complete the scavenger hunt, bring it to the Education Office in the Visitor Center and pick a prize. Good luck!



Who Am I?

Read the clues and find these mysterious animals. In most cases you only need the species of animal and not the specific animal, but there is one exception to this.

I am a loud, boisterous bird, and I kill my food by knocking it against trees or dropping it from high places. When I lay eggs, other non-breeding adults help in the incubation time. Who am I? _____ (outside the Bird House)

I stand on my hind legs to look out for danger and will bark to alert the other individuals in my colony. Who am I? _____ (Small Mammal House)

I start each morning with a song, and I travel by using a hand-over-hand swinging method called brachiation. I may be considered a lesser ape, but only because of my smaller size. Who am I? _____ (Gibbon Ridge)

I live and hunt alone. My roar can carry up to three miles away. Who am I? _____ (Great Cats)

I may hold a leaf above my head to block the rain and sun. You may also see me do this with a bed sheet. Who am I? _____ (Great Ape House)

I am having trouble because the prairie is disappearing, and most of my main source of food, prairie dogs, has disappeared. Now I am endangered. Who am I? _____ (Small Mammal House)

I am a bird from Southern Asia. Looking for me by name will not help you find me because my feathers can sometimes be blue. Who am I? _____ (Bird House)

I eat squid, octopus, and fish. I like being around others in my species and we often sleep in big groups along the Pacific Coast. Who am I? _____ (Valley Trail)

People think I am very dangerous but I am actually mild-mannered. I can squeeze my body to fit through narrow crevices in rocks. Who am I? _____ (Invertebrate Exhibit)