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# Amazing gorilla facts & stats

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#### WILD WOW!



#### **GREEN BRIGHT-EYED FROG**

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** Boophis anjanaharibeensis

**LOCATION:** Found only in Madagascar, an island off Africa

**STATUS: Endangered** 

THREATS: Habitat loss due to human activities

**DID YOU KNOW?** There are nearly 80 species of frogs in the Boophis genus (a group of closely related species) and new ones are being described by scientists all the time!





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#### PRETTY PEEPERS

These tree frogs have large, brightly coloured and intricately patterned eyes. This is why they're called bright-eyed frogs.

#### **STICKY TREE TOES**

As the name suggests, tree frogs don't live in water but in trees. Instead of webbed feet to help them swim, they have sticky toe pads that make it easier to cling to branches.

#### **TINY CALLERS**

These frogs are very small. Males only grow to around 3.5cm long. They call at night from trees along streams in the rainforest.

Frogs and toads can be really tiny. The pumpkin toadlet (actually a frog) grows to just 1-2cm long.

What long toes you have!

#### **GOT THE SHOT!**

This frog was photographed in the wild on a piece of glass to show its see-through belly. Scientists gently moved it (with gloves!) from a leaf to the glass for a photo, then returned it to the leaf to enjoy its wanderings.



This curious creature has almost see-through belly skin, so you can see its organs and bones. This is why some members of the Boophis family are called skeleton frogs. **WOW!** 



FAB FROG FACTSI

We think you're beautiful!

The skin of **poison dart** frogs contains a dangerous chemical that can paralyse or even **kill** predators.

Africa's Goliath frog the world's largest frog, measuring over 30cm and weighing more than 3kg!

The Titicaca water frog lives in Lake Titicaca in Peru and Bolivia, spending its **whole** life under water, unlike other frogs which also live on land.





#### WILD STUFF

Hooray! We've found glant panda poo in a forest we helped restore. This shows our efforts to help the black-andwhite bears are working!

> When a **huge road** was built through the pandas' forest in the Qinling mountains in **China**, it split the population into **two groups**. The pandas couldn't cross the busy road to reach each other or find fresh bamboo to eat. They were **stuck**.



Snow leopards live high up in the Himalayan mountains, where their secretive nature and excellent camouflage make them hard to see. So we set up **camera traps** across their home in Shey Phoksundo National Park in **Nepal** to count them. We learned there are **90** snow leopards living in the park! **Incredible!**  There could be as few as 4,000 snow leopards in the wild.

Why are snow leopards so hard to see?

- Camouflaged coat
- B They're very shy
- C Remote mountains
- D Invisibility cloak

Tick the correct answers -

When a new road tunnel opened, part of the highway through the forest was abandoned. We helped **plant bamboo** and other forest vegetation in this area, and **built tunnels** under the road to help pandas and other wildlife safely cross.

> Now wildlife can **move** around freely again. And it's clear the pandas **love the new forest** – the panda poo and munched bamboo stems are proof. That's **panda-tastic!**

The Amazon rainforest is under threat and cattle ranching is part of the problem. So in a special, wildlife-rich place called Madre de Dios in Peru, we're working with farmers to help them learn new ways to protect the forest and keep the soil healthy. This is better for the rainforest – and good for the cows, too!

Correct answers: A, B and C; only Harry Potter has a cloak of invisibility!





WILD STUFF

Turn to page 25 to find out more!

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# Time for

Every spring, WWF scientists visit the Arctic islands of Svalbard to study the **polar bears** there. We give females something to make them sleepy so we can measure them and check they're healthy. Some of them have cubs – and this little one climbed on its mother's back and fell fast asleep in front of us. Sooo cute!

# EERF

You know how pet cats like to **climb trees**? Big cats do it too! In **Brazil**, a new study found that female jaguars with cubs are the **keenest climbers**. If they're being pestered by a male, they just shimmy up a tree. Figs are their favourites, because they have lots of leaves to hide in and wide branches to lie on. The biggest male jaguars are **too heavy** to climb trees easily, so mums and cubs are safe up there. Tree-mendous!

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The river dolphins' pink blush is due to blood vessels close to their skin.



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Like humans, polar bears sleep

an average of seven to eight hours a day.



#### WILD PLACES

## FANTASTIC FOUR-ESTI Meet four amazing forest species from around the world

Hold on tight, little one!

Did you ever see a squirrel soar?!

### KOALA

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#### EUCALYPTUS FOREST Australia

Koalas might be called 'koala bears', but they're actually marsupials (pronounced mar-SOO-pee-uhlz). This means they have a special pouch for raising their young, which are called joeys. These amazing animals are only found in the forests of east and south-east Australia, where they live high up in eucalyptus trees. Koalas love to eat eucalyptus leaves, even though they're poisonous to most animals! Luckily, koalas have a special digestive system that can break down the toxic chemicals in the leaves.

### **BLACK BEAR**

#### CONIFEROUS AND DECIDUOUS WOODLAND Canada, Mexico and North America

Black bears are great tree climbers and super chilled about where they live. They're equally happy hanging out in forests of conifers (trees that have cones) or deciduous trees (which

shed their leaves for winter). All summer they feed on roots, berries, grass, insects, plants, fish and red meat and put on lots of weight. Then they find a cosy den for the winter and have a good long sleep, relying on their fat to stay warm.

They're called black bears, but they can be brown, grey or even cream coloured!

#### SIBERIAN FLYING SQUIRREL

#### BOREAL FOREST Finland, Latvia and Russia

With its huge eyes and cute face, the Siberian flying squirrel not only looks like a Pokémon, it also has super skills. At night, it moves around the treetops by gliding, using furry flaps of skin between its front and back legs that open like a parachute. It lives in the world's most northerly conifer forests (known as boreal forests). These can be very cold and covered in snow, but the squirrel makes itself a cosy nest to stay warm.

#### HARPY EAGLE

The harpy eagle's eyesight is eight times more powerful than ours.

#### RAINFOREST **Central and South America**

In the lush rainforests of Central and South America, one bird is king – the harpy eagle. This mighty predator is huge and has a wingspan that's as long as your bedroom door is tall! It sits in the treetops, watching and waiting for the chance to swoop down on unsuspecting prey, such as monkeys, sloths and other birds like macaws. It has enormous feet, and talons so powerful they can crush the bones of its prey. Ouch!

Thinking caps on! It's puzzle time!

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These animals all live in snowy and icy places. Can you spot their names in our wordsearch?



0 How much do you know about the Arctic fox? What is the Arctic fox sometimes called? A White fox B Snow fox C Polar fox **G** In the wild, how long do Arctic foxes usually live? A 1-2 years **B** 3-4 years **C** 10-11 years **Arctic foxes** don't hibernate. A True **B** False What do Arctic foxes mainly eat? A Grass B Insects Lemmings and C other rodents When does an Arctic fox's fur turn white? A Summer **B** Winter

Five changes have been made to the bottom picture of these Japanese macaques. Can you find them all?







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CORNEWSI Japanese macaques live in freezing conditions, so some stay warm by bathing in hot thermal springs.









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Thanks to its **spotted coat**, the snow leopard blends in perfectly with its **rocky mountain home**. Can you find the on

#### WILDLIFE EXPERT

**SNOW LEOPARD** Panthera uncia

**WHERE?** Central and south Asia, in wild and rugged mountains.

**HOW?** Stays warm in the bitter cold thanks to soft, thick fur and a long tail it can snuggle into like a duvet.

#### AWESOME INFO

It's estimated over a third of the world's food relies on **insects** for pollination. Insects really are awesome!

> Jaguars eat more than 85 different animals, including monkeys, caiman crocodiles, pig-like peccaries and even snakes!

Monarch butterflies make a mighty migration in autumn, flying 5,000km from chilly Canada to warm Mexico for the winter.

A Seychelles tortoise called Jonathan is officially the world's oldest living land animal. Experts think he was born in 1832, making him 191 now, but he might be even older than that!

Amazing numbers, stats, facts and figures

Very hungry!

> Giant pandas can spend as much as 16 hours a day eating! They mainly munch bamboo.

Ostriches are birds that can't fly, but they can sprint at over **40mph** - faster than the speediest human athletes!

Polar bears can weigh up to 800kg that's as much as 10 full-grown men!



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Australia's Great Barrier Reef covers 344,400 sq km. It's the planet's biggest living structure and can be seen from space!

Incredible

A stat that's NOT amazing is that by the year 2050 there could be more **plastic** in the ocean than fish (by weight).

pollution by using a refillable water bottle when you're on the go, and by recycling your rubbish where you can.

**Reduce plastic** 

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#### AMAZING ANIMALS

# All you need to know about....

#### LOW AND HIGH

There are two species of gorillas – western and eastern – and they both live in central Africa. Each species is divided into different subspecies based on where they live – some populations live in low-lying forests while others live high up in mountain forests.

Noisy silverbacks use more than 20 calls to communicate, including burping!



### HANDY FACT

Gorillas use their hands much like humans do. While other apes use their mouths to hold objects, gorillas use only their hands. To hold something small, they squeeze their thumb and index finger together, almost exactly like we do!

## CLEVER CREATURES

Gorillas are super-smart. Their brains are less than half the weight of ours (about 500g – the same as a small box of cereal), but researchers think they're smarter than our prehistoric human ancestors were.

#### SILVER SHOW

Gorillas usually live in family groups of five to 10 individuals, but sometimes they're as large as 50! Each group is led by a large mature male known as a silverback due to the patch of white hair on his back.

#### SUPER SIZE

Gorillas are the largest living primate. They have strong arms, a broad, muscly chest and a giant head. The eastern lowland gorilla is the biggest of them all. Males can weigh as much as 200kg – more than twice the weight of a large man.





Just like us, gorillas laugh when they're playing. Youngsters chuckle as they play games with friends. Wrestling, chasing, tickling each other (with their mouths) and swinging from branches are all ways young gorillas play.



All gorillas are endangered. There are only around 1,063 mountain gorillas left in the wild. So we're helping to protect them by:

Helping them live safely alongside people Keeping them safe from human illnesses like colds Supporting rangers who keep watch over them

Looks like fun!

**UK NATURE** 

Brown is so summery for mountain hares...

Now you see mel

Discover how British wildlife copes with winter weather in different ways!

#### FLYING ESCAPE

Why suffer a freezing UK winter if you can fly somewhere warmer? Birds like swallows leave our shores when it gets cold, migrating south to Namibia and South Africa. That's a journey of around 9,600km and it could take them six weeks. Wow!

Swallows are sun-seekers!



Some geese from Canada, Scandinavia and the Arctic come to the UK in winter because it's warmer here than there!

Canada goose

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#### SHRINK ME!

Being able to shrink by as much as 20% sounds like a superhero skill, but that's what shrews do in winter. They can reduce their bones, organs, skull and brain to help save energy over those long winter months.



...while white is cool for winter

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Hazel dormice wrap their tail around their face and body to keep warm.

#### **A BIG SLEEP**

Hibernation is when an animal becomes almost totally inactive. They slow their heart rate and cool down their body temperature to save energy. This helps them survive the winter when there's little food around. In the UK, hedgehogs, bats and hazel dormice all hibernate over the winter – dormice for up to six months!

#### **ALL WHITE?**

Some animals actually change colour in winter, allowing them to blend in with their white and wintry environment. Mountain hares, ptarmigans (a type of grouse) and stoats all do this. It helps them stay hidden from predators.

### What a sleepyhead! HOW YOU CAN HELPI

Help your garden wildlife survive winter by putting out food for birds and hedgehogs along with a shallow bowl of fresh water.



#### Study each box. Which two contain the correct letters to spell 'OCEANS'? ANS OCEAN GIANT Write your answers The blue whale is the planet's NCE largest animal, Ξ weighing as much as and 200 tonnes - that's about the same as S 33 elephants! Two of these puffins are exactly the same. Which are the perfect puffin match? and Around 60% of the 6 world's puffins breed in which country? **A** ENGLAND B SPAIN C ICELAND 22 Wild

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Use our code to turn numbers into letters to reveal four amazing animals.

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Which path will lead this saltwater crocodile to the water?



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Trace, colour in and carefully cut out your robin.

Cut out a strip of card the height of your favourite book. (Top tip! You can use cardboard cut from an old cereal box – just cover it with plain paper so you can draw on it.)

Draw your own design on the card then colour it in using pens, pencils or paints. Here's our design!

Glue or tape your cut-out robin to the top of the card to finish your bookmark. Amazing!

> Cloud watching is fun and you can do it almost any time! Just look for fluffy cumulus clouds. With their cotton wool appearance, they make great animal shapes. Just say what you see. It's the perfect way to use your imagination and enjoy nature!

What animal do you see in this cloud? Share out the cards and decide who's going first.

Go Wild so you can build up your collection!

How to play

2 The first player reads out a category and score from the card at the top of their pile.

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Each player shares their scores for that category.

the bottom of their pile. Continue the game, taking turns to start each round. The player with all the cards is the winner!

Make your own CARD HOLDER

Keep your collectable cards together by making this handy box

Take your sheet of A4 card and use a ruler and pencil to draw out the box template, as shown here.

Cut out your template along the black dashed lines. Decorate the side of the card that will be the outside of your box. Fold along the pink dotted lines.

Next stick the flaps together as shown in the diagram. Match A to A, B to B and so on.

Let the glue dry, then you can store your collectable cards in the box ready for your next game!

A4 card Coloured pens or pencils • A ruler Scissors Glue





#### WILD HEROES



protecting his school from these amazing but enormous animals



Even the teachers aren't



Sometimes elephants even come into schools looking for food or water. This sounds exciting, but these giants are so big and powerful it can be dangerous for people. When elephants enter the school grounds, it disrupts lessons and can mean the school has to close.

#### Wild STEPHEN NTOKOTE heroi

**LOCATION:** Oloikarra Primary School, Kenya

SUPER SKILL: Helping schoolchildren stay safe around wild elephants!

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When walking to school, you might have to watch out for traffic or puddles on the pavement. In Kenya in east Africa, **schoolchildren** have to keep an eye out for a much bigger problem... elephantal Huge elephants are

Oloikarra Primary School

they can sting the soft skin on their faces. So to keep hungry herds away from people's crops, beahlves Ralons arestru 1910936 The buzz keeps the elephants at bay. Gleveri

We also helped the school build a concrete tank to collect rainwater. Elephants easily damage plastic tanks in the search for water, so the new tank will make sure pupils always have fresh water to drink.

> The water can also be used to grow trees, so everyone can enjoy sitting in the **shade**. "The school is now a safe haven for children and teachers," says Stephen.

We're helping to protect people who live with elephants every day. So we worked with Stephen and his school to build a **solar-powered**, elephant-proof fence around their grounds to keep the elephants out. This has been life-changing for the 150 pupils and six teachers.

> You can be a CIPICIPACE

> > Start a gardening club at school to plant trees and flowers. You could even grow vegetables! co Cilli



#### ALL ABOUT YOU

Send your letters, photos, drawings and more to gowild@wwf.org.uk (ask an adult first!)

Animals mean the world to me – they're so beautiful and interesting. The natural world is incredible. I really can't choose a favourite species. I wish to work with animals in the future. I hope that people start to care more about the environment so that animals are anore protected. Here are some posters I made to show my friends how important wildlife is. **Mo, aged 10** 

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I LOVE Go Wild magazine! When I grow up I want to be like David Attenborough and help save wild animals. Here's my poster to save the silky shark!

James, aged 6

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You can let people know how important it is to protect wildlife! Ask an adult to send a photo of your poster to gowild@ wwf.org.uk - we might print it in Go Wild!

all your favourite animals!

You can include



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OUTFOXED 1: C, 2: B, 3: A, 4: C, 5: B

Page 15 SPOT THE SNOW



Did you find it? Pages 22-23 WORD TEST: Boxes 2 and 3 PUFFIN PAIR: 3 and 6 COUNTRY CONNECT: C CREATURE CODE: 1 Tiger, 2 Orangutan, 3 Shark 4 Bald eagle

GUIDE THE

Ask an adult to visit wwf.org.uk/ get-involved/families to see how you can get more involved with nature



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Each of these **secret snaps** was taken by camera traps – cameras left in the wild – that are supported by WWF. When wildlife passes by the camera, it takes an **amazing pic!**  COMPETITION

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Together these jigsaw pieces reveal a wonderful white rhino - but there's an odd one out! Can you spot the jigsaw piece of a giant tortoise? Tell us the answer and you could win a Micro Scooter!

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For your chance to win, just tell us which number jigsaw piece does NOT show part of a white rhino to gowild@wwf.org.uk with Go Wild Comp in the subject line.

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With adult help, **carefully** cut along the dotted lines, then fold down the middle and stick the backs together with glue or tape





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Komodo dragons are the largest lizards in the world. These rare reptiles live on small islands in Indonesia, where they hunt anything they can catch. They have sharp teeth and deathly drool! Their venomous bite helps them weaken and catch animals as large as water buffalo.



A sea otter pup rides on its mother's chest, cuddling close in the ocean waves. The mother feeds it, then grooms and fluffs its fur. The pup can't swim yet. Luckily, the air trapped inside its fluffy coat keeps it afloat. Before the mother otter dives for food, she wraps her pup in a strand of long seaweed to stop it floating away. Make office

#### Put your paper-folding skills to the test!

**1** Fold the body in half along the solid spine line, pressing the whole length (including the tail) into a crisp crease. Unfold. (Ask for help if any of this is tricky!)

At the tail base, gently press the tail down at the solid, V-shaped fold lines, so the tail is pushed in near the legs. This will turn the dashed tail line into a valley fold. Pinch the folds at the tail base. Fold the solid tail tuft line into a mountain fold. Adjust the tail angles to match the photo.

Fold all the solid lines on the legs. At the shoulders, gently press the dashed valley fold line into the body, while pressing solid, V-shaped fold lines on either side (at the slots). Flatten folds, then unfold.

On either side of the chest, gently fold the solid lines. Then gently press the dashed (valley) lines below the chest. Don't flatten the folds.

**5** Fold the neck and head template in half along the spine line, making a crisp, flat crease. Unfold.

6 Unfold the neck and body, and position the neck above the body. Carefully insert the rounded tabs and lock them in. Let the dotted neck-support tabs hang down into the body.

At the chest, carefully lock the rounded tab into the slot.

On the hind legs, interlock the leg slots so the dotted tabs are tucked inside.

To finish the head, gently interlock the small slots so the sides line up. Spread the ears apart slightly to match the photo, and you're done!



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Want to make more amazing model animals? We've got three copies of Paperfold Wild Animals: 10 Amazing Punch-Out-and-Fold Paper Creatures to give away, worth £9.99 each, courtesy of Workman.



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