

ENHANCE YOUR WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

SCAVENGER HUNT



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1) I am new to the Montgomery Zoo. When you come near me, the smells may make you think you have entered a movie theater. Some people refer to me as a “bearcat” but I am not related to either. I am one of only two carnivores on the planet with a prehensile tail. My tail is almost as long as my body and acts like another limb when I am climbing. Who am I?

2) My stripes help me in hide in the tall grasses as I hunt. Typically, I live and hunt alone, but I make sure my territory is well marked so intruders know that I am around. Native to India, and I am the largest cat species in the world. My canine teeth are the largest of any living cat, and I have retractable claws that are perfect for climbing trees and hunting. Who am I?

3) You may hear my trumpet for miles, but I do not know how to play a musical instrument. I am the largest land mammal on the planet, and my ears resemble the shape of the continent from which I am native. My ears also act as an AC unit keeping me cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Who am I?

4) I live in the Mann Museum. Some say my fur is white; however, it is really transparent, having no color. The reflection of light makes me appear white. I am native to the sea ice of the Arctic. I use my partially webbed front feet to swim for days in search of fertile hunting grounds. Standing on my rear legs, I stand 12 feet tall. At times, I will rest on large bodies of ice patiently listening for seals to enter my area. Who am I?

5) In a 24-hour period, I will only sleep 5 to 30 minutes, often taking quick naps that may only last a minute or two. My legs are taller than the average adult human. Atop my head are horns that at times I will use to battle other animals like myself. My spots are unique to me much like your fingerprints. I look funny when I run, but I can reach speeds upwards of 35 miles per hour. Who am I?

6) Some say my head is bald, but actually it is covered with white feathers. I have extremely sharp talons and a beak that come in rather handy for catching and eating my prey. I became the national symbol of the United States in 1782, despite one of the founding fathers wanting our national emblem to be a turkey. When I fly, I can reach speeds of 30 miles per hour, while gliding can reach up to 45 miles per hour, and when diving, I can reach speeds of up to 100 miles per hour. Who am I?

7) You may smell me before you see me. This smell helps mark my territory and let others know I am around. Some say I look like a large fox on stilts, but actually I am part of the wolf family. I like to live in packs, and once I have found a mate, we are together for life. I am native to South America, including Brazil, Paraguay, Peru, Argentina, Bolivia, and some areas of Uruguay. I am a meat eater; however, at times the taste of fruit is pleasant to my palate. Who am I?

8) I am about one quarter the size of my larger cousin. I have a round, short-legged, large head physique, and gray in color. I live in various parts of the Montgomery Zoo, but I am native to Africa specifically to Liberia, with small populations in Sierra Leone, Guinea, and the Ivory Coast. I am herbivorous, and despite living most of my life in water, I do not eat aquatic vegetation and grass. My favorite treats are ferns, broad-leaved plants, and fruits that have fallen to the forest floor. I have a great smile and the cutest little ears. Who am I?

9) I am the largest of the lizards, at adulthood reaching upwards of 10 feet in length and weighing 200 pounds. I am 100% carnivore and love eating pigs, deer, snakes, fish, water buffalo, and at times, I will also eat other lizards just like me. Being a cold-blooded animal, you may find me basking in the sun or under my heaters to ensure my body temperature remains warm. Who am I?

10) I am the largest of the flighted birds at the Montgomery Zoo with a wingspan surpassing 11 feet. I am part of the vulture family, raptor, or bird of prey, but I am also a scavenger. Like other vultures, I feast on the carcasses of large mammals, such as cattle and deer helping to remove the dead debris from the environment. As you may notice, my head is bald which helps prevent disease and infection from developing in feathers as I dig my head into a dead animal’s carcasses. Who am I?