

Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens
Education Department

Scavenger Hunt Answers

Plains of East Africa

What is the Species Survival Plan (SSP)?

An AZA sponsored program, SSP's are cooperative breeding and conservation programs for various endangered species. Participating institutions agree to manage and exchange animals in the best interest of species conservation.

What is the largest reptile in Africa?

Nile Crocodile

How high can an impala leap?

10 feet high and 30 feet long

What is the fastest land animal in the world?

Cheetah

Elephant Plaza

Name two things that bats do to benefit plants.

- 1) *Pollinate flowers* 2) *Disperse seeds*

Find the following numbers in the Elephant signs and write down the name of the animal and what the number refers to:

Number	What number means
10,000 to 13,000 pounds (lbs.)	<i>Weight of an adult African Elephant.</i>
150,000 muscle groups	<i>Number of muscles in the trunk.</i>
Two "fingers" or one "finger"	<i>Number of "fingers" on the end of the trunks for Africans (2) and Asians (1).</i>
265 pounds (lbs.)	<i>Weight of baby elephant at birth.</i>

Wild Florida

How much can a bald eagle nest weigh?

1 ton or 2,000 pounds (lbs.)

What is the habitat of the greater siren?

Still water

Great Apes

Which primate is known for its “singing” and “swinging”?

Siamang

Which is the largest primate? How much does an adult weigh?

Gorilla; approximately 400 lbs.

Of all the primates in this area, name one that is a monkey. (Hint: One looks a lot like Rafiki from the “Lion King”.) *Mandrill*

What does the word “lemur” mean?

Ghost

Range of the Jaguar

Did jaguars ever live in Florida? If yes, how long ago?

Yes, 10,000 years ago.

What two bats are found together in the Lost Temple?

Fruit bats and vampire bats

Why are bromeliads important to rain forest animals?

Bromeliads trap and hold water that is used by canopy animals for drinking and reproducing. If it were not for bromeliads, canopy animals would have a hard time finding water without descending to the forest floor.

How many different kinds of fish can you find in all of Range of the Jaguar?

Lots – if students count the number of different signs their answers should range just under 20.

Why are giant otters endangered?

Over fishing threatens the otter’s food sources. Mining operations produce mercury and other toxins, poisoning the otter’s watery habitat. Motorboats pollute rivers with oil and noise. When otters compete with local fishermen for fish, they are often shot.

Australia

What birds are also called the “brush-tongued” parrots?

The lorries and lorikeets

Boomers are boy kangaroos, and fliers are girl kangaroos.

How much of a koala’s day is spent resting?

80% (20 hours)

If you want to help wild animals, what are some things you can do?

*Create habitats in your yard or neighborhood;
Recycle and compost;
Learn more about wildlife and teach others;
Encourage others to do the same;
And, be an example for others to follow.*