



Tracking Down Endangered Species (Before They Disappear!)

Today hundreds of plants and animals are in danger of becoming extinct (endangered). As people change the wilderness into towns and cities, plants and animals are often left homeless.

Zoos can serve as refuges for these endangered species. As you stroll around the zoo, look for signs like the one at the top of the page. It identifies many zoo animals which are endangered.

To help you on your search for endangered species, look at the clues below:

Central Zoo

This animal has...

Name of Animal



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webbed feet



flippers that are modified wings



special bill for cracking seeds, nuts, or fruit



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a banded tail that is used for communicating

Indonesian Rain Forest



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African Veldt



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TEACHER ANSWER KEY

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Tufted ears for hearing - Bobcat

Webbed feet - River Otter

Flippers that are modified wings - Penguin

Special bill for cracking seeds, nuts, or fruit - Macaw

Finger-nail like scales on its back called scutes - Aldabra Tortoise

A banded tail used for communicating - Lemur

Grasping, human-like fingers, arms longer than its body - Gibbon

Long forked tongue for smelling prey - Komodo Dragon

Name means "man of the jungle" - Orangutan

Tail tipped with white - African Wild Dog