

my zoo

AFRICA EDITION



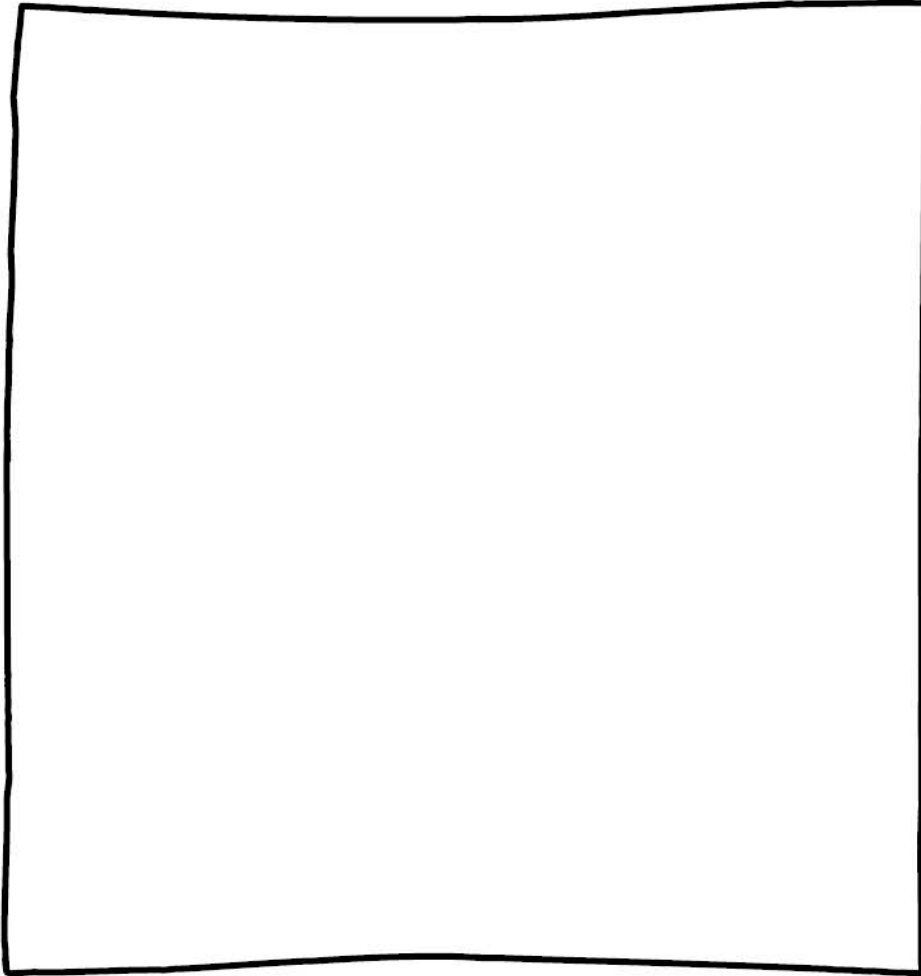
RHINO
POSTER INSIDE!

Auckland
ZOO

This book belongs to _____

My favourite animal is

Draw it below



I am _____ years old

Welcome to Auckland Zoo!

Nau mai haere mai ki Te Whare Kararehe o Tāmaki Makaurau.

Did you know Africa is the second largest continent! It is home to over 1,100 species of mammals and over 2,600 species of birds.

Discover the African animals that live at Auckland Zoo and see if you can answer the questions in this book.



and this is **my ZOO**

Ostrich

Origin



Size

Up to 2.5m tall



Diet

Grass, seeds, fruit

Conservation status

Least Concern

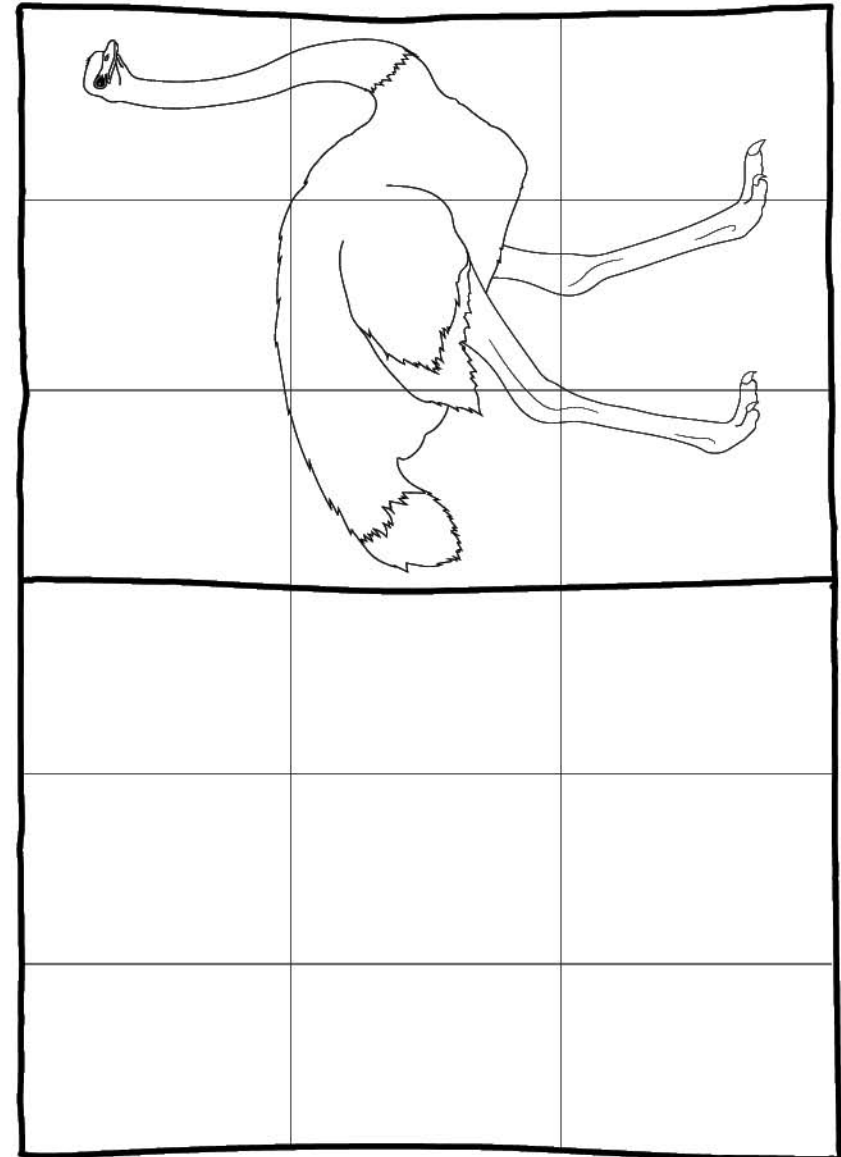
Have the largest eye of all living birds

Heavy bodies mean ostrich cannot fly

Males have black feathers to help them camouflage while sitting on their nest at night

Females have grey feathers to help them camouflage while sitting on their nest during the day

Copy and colour



Ostrich are the _____ bird on earth.

Who am I?

Origin



Size

Up to
6m tall



Diet

Tree leaves
and buds, shrubs,
fruit

Conservation status

Vulnerable

Colour in your own unique pattern!

Every individual has a
unique coat pattern,
just like your fingerprint

Tongue is blue to help
prevent getting sunburnt
while they browse

Long legs can kick
in any direction

The tallest
mammal on earth

Guess the correct number to complete each giraffe fact!

1 3 7 10 11 45 50

- A.** A giraffe's tongue can be up to _____ cm long.
How long is your tongue?
- B.** Their long legs help giraffes reach speeds of _____ km/hour.
That is the speed that you can drive around town!
- C.** Giraffes can see up to _____ km away.
- D.** A giraffe's heart weighs approximately _____ kg.
- E.** Giraffes have _____ vertebrae in their neck, just like you.
- F.** Giraffes only sleep for _____ minutes at a time.
- G.** Giraffes can go without drinking water for up
to _____ weeks.

Nyalá

Origin



Size

Up to 1.1m shoulder height



Diet

Leaves, fruits, grasses

Conservation status

Least Concern

Males have large spiralled horns and can use them to show dominance

Excellent hearing makes up for their poor eyesight

Make a sharp dog-like bark to warn other nyala of predators

Hairy glands on feet leave scent when they walk



Nyalá is the Swahili word for _____.

There are over 70 species of antelope in Africa

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F	R	O	N	S	A	Z	E	C	H	G	Y	J	T	F	O	R	Y	X	A

Bongo
Bontebok
Eland
Gerenuk
Impala

Klipspringer
Kudu
Lechwe
Nyala
Oryx

Roan
Sable
Springbok
Waterbuck
Wildebeest

Which two of these antelope species can you see at Auckland Zoo?
_____ and _____.

Plains zebra

Origin



Size

Up to 1.5m tall



Diet

Grass, shrubs, leaves, roots and bark

Conservation status

Near threatened

Night eyesight thought to be as good as a cat or an owl

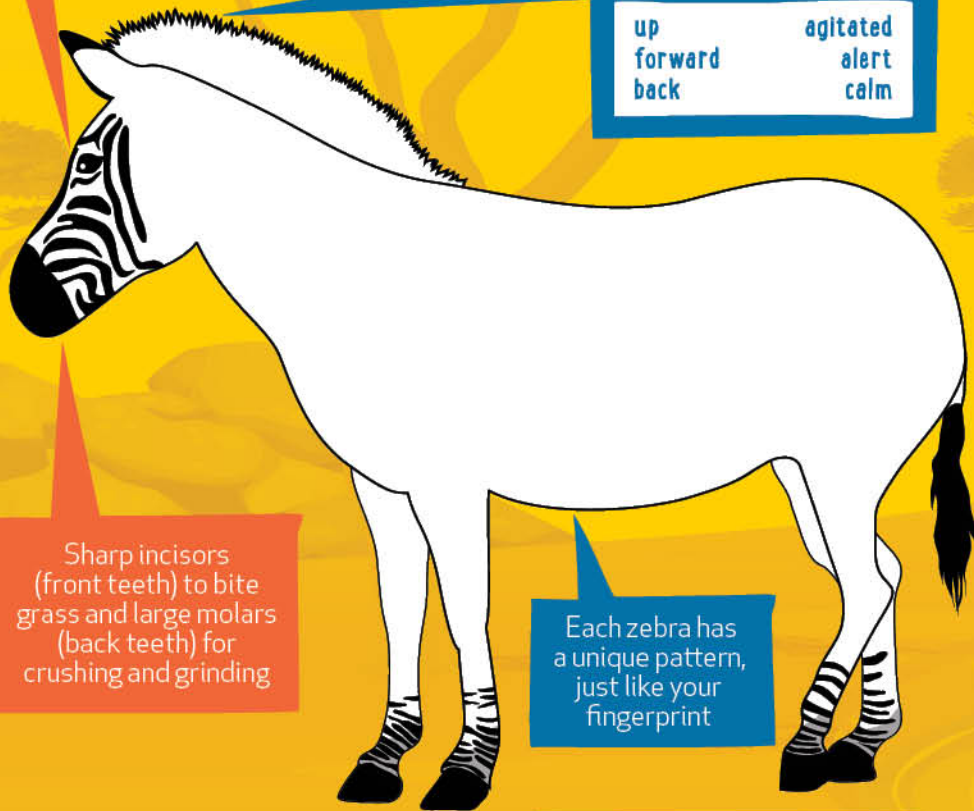
Ears can communicate a zebra's mood.
Draw a line to match them up.

up	agitated
forward	alert
back	calm

Sharp incisors (front teeth) to bite grass and large molars (back teeth) for crushing and grinding

Each zebra has a unique pattern, just like your fingerprint

Colour a pattern on the zebra



Why do zebra have stripes?

So many stripes can be confusing. Predators can't make out each individual in the herd, which makes it hard to pick their prey. This is known as disruptive camouflage.



How many zebra can you count? _____

Zebra stripes are helpful in other ways too!

They can reduce body temperature

They can repel insects

They can help individuals recognise each other

Rhino

Jamila



Auckland
ZOO

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Who am I?

Greater

Origin



Size

Up to 1.5m tall



Diet

Crustaceans, molluscs, algae

Conservation status

Least Concern

Connect the dots and colour in

Broom-like plates in mouth trap algae and shrimp

Pink colouration comes from the food they eat

Stands on one leg as it is more energy efficient

Chicks are born with _____ feathers before they turn pink.

Find the pair!

Can you work out which two flamingo pictures match?

A



B



C



D



E



F



Cape porcupine

Origin



Size

Up to 83cm long



Diet

Roots, bulbs, fruits, berries, insects

Conservation status

Least Concern

Can have 30,000 hollow quills. An average person has 100,000 hairs on their head

Quills are made of keratin, just like your hair and fingernails



Strong claws for digging burrows

Teeth never stop growing so often seen chewing to keep teeth at a healthy length

Porcupines are _____ so you may see them sleeping during the day.

Quills *True or False?*

1. Porcupines can shoot their quills at predators **T** **F**
2. Quills can act as floaties when swimming **T** **F**
3. Porcupettes (baby porcupines) are born with soft bristles that harden into quills **T** **F**
4. Porcupine quills cannot grow back **T** **F**

Spot the difference

Can you spot 6 differences in this picture?



Leopard tortoise

Origin



Size

Up to 65cm long



Diet

Mostly grasses and other plants

Conservation status

Least Concern

Ribs and vertebrae fused together to form shell

Scutes are the individual panels that make up the carapace (top shell)

Retracts head into shell for protection from predators

Underside of the shell is called the plastron

One of the 5 largest tortoises in the world, weighing up to _____ kg.

Crack the code

What was the tortoise doing on the motorway?



A



B



C



D



E



F



G



H



I



J



K



L



M



N



O



P



Q



R



S



T



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V



W



X



Y



Z



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Serval

Origin



Size

Up to 62cm
shoulder height



Diet

Small rodents,
birds, lizards, young
antelope, insects

Conservation
status

Least Concern

Can you colour in the habitat
to help the serval hide?

Large ears can hear
rodents underground

Spots and stripes
for camouflage

Night vision is thought
to be 6 times better
than yours

Long legs to move
through and see over tall
grass

Can leap as high as _____ metres to catch birds.

Which cat?

Wild cats have different patterns to help them hide from predators and prey. Unscramble the letters to figure out what wild cat species the pattern belongs to.



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GRAUJA

There is plenty more to discover at Auckland Zoo



ANSWERS:

Ostrich: largest. **Giraffe:** A. 45; B. 50; C. 1; D. 11; E. 7; F. 10; G. 3. **Nyala:** antelope; nyala and waterbuck **Zebra:** up = calm, forward = alert, back = agitated. **Porcupine:** nocturnal; 1F, 2T, 3T, 4F. **Spot the difference:** 1. Left tree branch, 2. Bolder right of tree, 3. Pebble by porcupine, 4. Back left porcupine, 5. Grass in front of tree, 6. Clouds in sky. **Leopard tortoise:** 43kg; A. About one km an hour! **Flamingo:** Grey; B and F. **Serval:** 3 meters; A. serval; B. snow leopard; C. cheetah; D. leopard; E. tiger; F. jaguar

Create your own animal kingdom

1. Carefully cut out the pieces.
2. Have a go at making these animals!
3. Can you create any others?

