

Auckland ZOO

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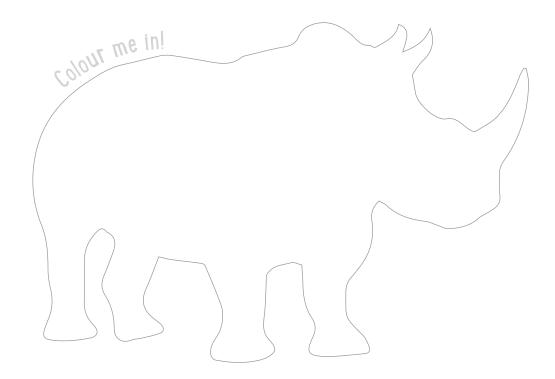
## My favourite animal is

Draw it below

am \_\_\_\_ years old

## Auckland Zoo is coming to you!

Check out this activity book to learn about some of your favourite animals at Auckland Zoo and how they like to cool off in the heat.



This is **my 200**-



Origin Africa

Size 6m tall

Diet

Tree leaves and buds, shrubs, fruit

Conservation status

Endangered

Every giraffe's pattern is unique – like a fingerprint

> Thick eyelashes protect their eyes from sun

Long legs can give a strong kick to chase off predators

Giraffe are the tallest mammals on earth

A giraffe's tongue is \_\_\_\_\_\_ in colour, helping prevent a sunburnt tongue as they graze on plants through the day.

# Asian elephant

Origin

Southern Asia

Size

2.7m tall

Diet

Grass and forest vegetation

Conservation status

Endangered

A trunk that works like a snorkel, helping them breathe while they swim

Big, thin ears that help them stay cool

Asian elephants can drink up to \_\_\_\_\_ water per day.

# Cheetah

Origin

Africa

Size

1.5m long

Diet

Antelope and smaller animals

Conservation status

[Vulnerable]

Long tail helps with balance when running

Can't roar like lions or tigers.
Chirp and purr – like house cats

Semi-retractable claws that grip the ground when they run

Fastest land mammal
– almost 3 x as fast as
fastest human

The black 'tear' marks under a cheetah's eyes help reduce \_\_\_\_\_ glare.

# Tuatara

Origin

New Zealand

Size

65cm long



**Diet**Mainly insects

Conservation status

[ Least concern]

Can function at lower body temperatures than any other reptile on earth

The name tuatara means 'peaks on the back', referring to spines on their backs

Grow very slowly and can live for a 100 years or more when they wear down

Warmer temperatures mean tuatara eggs will hatch as \_\_\_\_\_\_, cooler temperatures mean more \_\_\_\_\_\_.

# Lace monitor

**Origin**Australia

Size

Up to 2m long

### Diet

Insects, small mammals, birds

## Conservation status

[ Least concern\_



# American alligator

**Origin** 

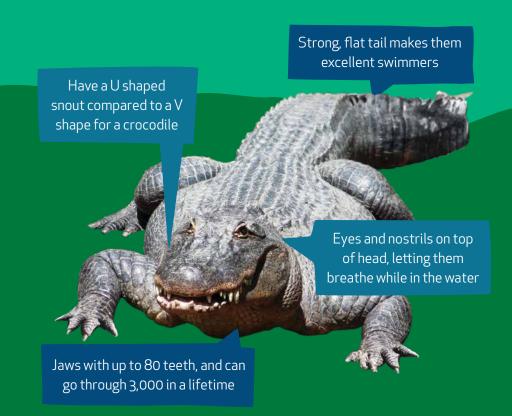
North America Size

4m long

#### Diet

Fish, frogs, snakes, turtles, birds, mammals, dead animals Conservation status

Near threatened



Alligators can't \_\_\_\_\_\_! Instead, they hold their \_\_\_\_\_\_ open on hot days to maximise air flow and cool down.

# Galápagos tortoise

Origin

Galápagos Islands

## Size

1.5m long

#### Diet

Opuntia cactus, fruit, water fern, grasses, leaves

## Conservation status

[Vulnerable]

Largest tortoise on earth, weighing up to 250kg

Shells made of hard bone, but still sensitive to touch



Longest lived land animal on earth, reaching up to 180 years old

Slow movers, with an average walking speed of just 0.3km/h

Galápagos tortoises love to wallow in mud on a hot day - it cools them down, and the mud acts like \_\_\_\_\_\_.



Hayley Paul - Keeper

with blue and yellow macaw Blake

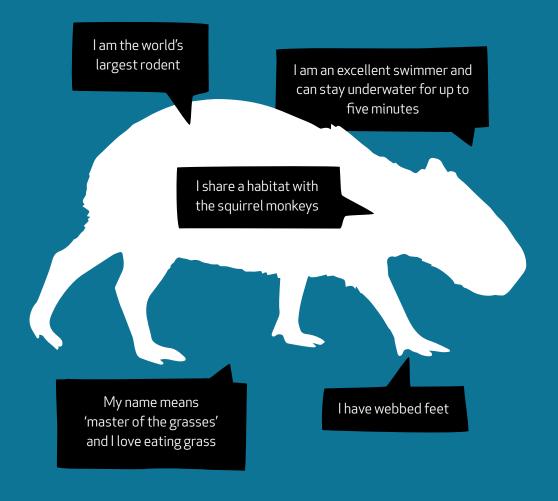
**My favourite part of the day is** training the animals in my care.

My favourite facts about macaws are that the black feathers on their face are unique, like a zebra's stripes. The white part of their face does not have any feathers, and when they get excited or upset, their cheeks blush pink.

What I love about my job is that I get to work with some amazing animals on a daily basis and am able to highlight their qualities to inspire others to care.

**Blake is** a total flirt and loves posing for visitors. He is currently learning to tell his left from his right. After a flying session on a hot day, he likes to drink cold water from his keeper's hand.

# What animal am 1?



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# Summer Word-find

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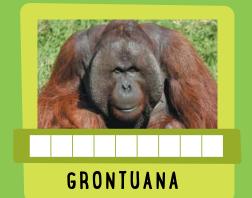
Hat Water Capybara Beach Shade Elephant Hot

Fun Heat Cool Down Tuatara Alligator Cheetah **Swimming** 

# Fix-up the mix-ups!



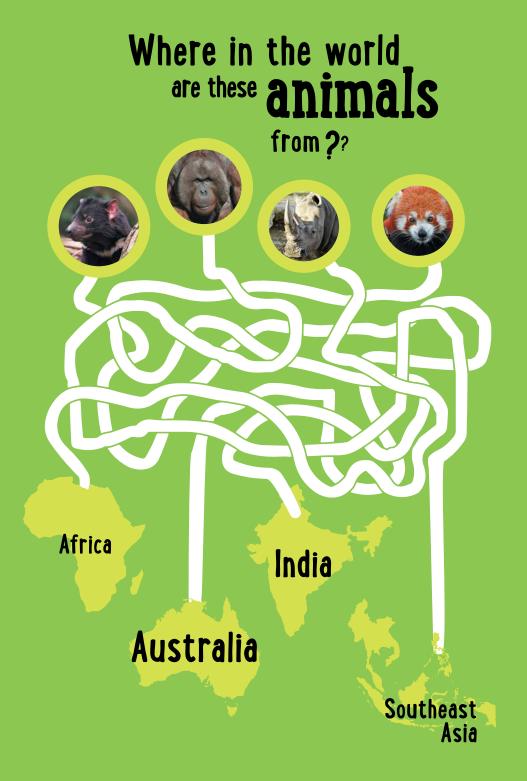












# Helping wildlife around the world

We know you can't visit Auckland Zoo right now.

But check out our website for videos and stories of some of the WildWork we do around the world.

Here are some of the places around the world where Auckland Zoo is helping support wildlife conservation projects.



## Pacific

Rarotonga Kakerori (bird)
Tahiti Fatu Hiva Monarch (bird)

#### Americas

Venezuela Spider monkey, Carrizal seedeater (bird) Guatemala Abronia lizards Ecuador Snake



Thanks RFA, for making all our work possible.

#### Africa

Namibia Giraffe
South Africa Cheetah, Frogs
Uganda Plants
Zimbabwe Rhino
Madagascar Lemur
Kenya African wild dog
Tanzania Elephant

## Asia

Nepal Red panda Indonesia Orangutan, Tiger Sri Lanka Elephant India Hog deer

#### And here in New Zealand:

Auckland Zoo staff work around the country to help kiwi, tuatara, kākāpō, takahē and whole bunch of other awesome native animals.

#### ANSWERS:

Australia

Tasmanian devils

Giraffe: blue; Elephant: 200; Cheetah: sun; Tuatara: male, female; Lace monitor: termite mounds; Galápagos tortoise: sunscreen; Alligator: sweat, mouth; What animal am I? capybara

# Make a nectar feeder

Attract native birds like tui to your garden by creating your own nectar feeder.

- Sit a 1L plastic milk container in a shallow dish or saucer.
- 2. Make 2-3 very small holes ½ a centimetre from the bottom of the bottle this will allow sugar solution to come out of the bottle up to the height of the holes.
- To make sugar solution, dissolve ½
   a cup of sugar in 1L of warm water.
- Fill the bottle of your automatic feeder and screw the lid back on tightly.
- 5. Place the feeder outside in a spot cats can't reach.









