



Scavenger Hunt

Animal-Plant Partners

Animals depend on plants for many things including food and shelter. Animals and plants help each other out in lots of ways. These great partnerships are what make the natural world so interesting!

Begin Your Adventure!

1. Pull out these pages and take them with you to the Zoo.
2. Read the clues to figure out what animal they're about and where to find it in the Zoo.
3. Head to that exhibit to see the animal and answer the questions.

Note: Keep in mind that the Zoo is always changing—animals and exhibits come and go. If you can't see a certain animal, just skip it and move on to the next one.

Rainforest Gardener

You'll discover me in the tropical rainforest of South America. I live high up in a tree and eat leaves. Small green plants called algae grow on my fur and help me blend in with the leaves. About once a week, I climb down to poop at the bottom of my tree. This gives the tree extra nutrients to help it grow.

1. Who am I?
2. Where in the Zoo did you find me?
3. What am I doing?
4. Draw a picture of me in my tree.

Pretty Pollinators

Spying a bright-colored bloom in the garden, I land on it and sip up nectar with my proboscis (a long straw-like mouth). While I'm there, my wings and body collect some of the flower's pollen, which then rubs off on the next flower I visit. This pollinates the flower so it can produce new plants.

1. Who am I?
2. Where in the Zoo did you find me?
3. What am I doing?
4. Draw a picture of me at a flower.

Underwater Lawnmowers

It's hot down here in Florida but I keep cool in the water. I eat sea grasses, which is why some people call me a sea cow. I use my flexible lips and flippers to pull the grasses out by their roots. This keeps the waterways clear and from getting clogged up with too many plants.

1. Who am I?
2. Where in the Zoo did you find me?
3. What am I doing?
4. Draw a picture of me eating.

Planter's Nuts

Sure, I live in the Zoo, but I also live in your backyard. I build a leaf nest or den inside a tree hole, and eat acorns and nuts. In the fall, I bury nuts for the winter. I forget where some of the nuts are buried and in the spring, they can grow into new trees. The trees give me shelter and food, and I plant their seeds!

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4. Draw a picture of me in a tree.

Seed Spreaders

Holed up inside a tree in the Asian rainforest, I sit on my eggs. My mate is out foraging for fruit—he really likes figs, which he swallows whole. Flying back to the nest with food for me, he passes the fig seeds, spreading them throughout the forest. Some of those seeds will find soil and grow into new trees.

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3. What am I doing?
4. Draw a picture of me in a tree.

Plant Pruners

We're a busy bunch of six-legged critters that live in tropical America. We bring bits of leaves back to our nest to grow a yummy fungus on them that we eat. When the plant

we're harvesting starts to release toxins into the leaves, we move onto another plant. That way we only take a small amount of its leaves. This pruning actually helps the tree by spurring new leaf growth.

1. Who are we?
2. Where in the Zoo did you find us?
3. What are we doing?
4. Draw a picture of us carrying leaves.