

Endangered Species Scavenger Hunt

Endangered species are plants and animals that are in danger of becoming extinct. An extinct animal is one that once lived on Earth, but does not exist now. Dinosaurs are animals that have become extinct. Some plants and animals, like the dinosaurs, became extinct long before people lived on Earth. In nature, one species of animal has become extinct about every one hundred years. Now, due to the influence of people, animals are becoming extinct at a rate of about two or three species every year! (How many is this every one hundred years?) Human caused extinction can be caused by land and water destruction by farming, logging, mining, etc. Also, unrestricted killing for meat, skins, tusks, and to protect livestock and crops has caused extinction. Humans have also introduced foreign species and released pollution and toxins of all kinds that have devastated animal populations. Another unrestricted practice that has driven animals to extinction is capture of animals for the pet and laboratory trade.

This scavenger hunt focuses on endangered or threatened animals. Your job is to find the reasons that each of the animals listed in this hunt are endangered.

REPTILE HOUSE

1. Black Pine Snake

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2. Aruba Island Rattlesnake

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3. Komodo Dragon

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4. Burmese Python
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BIRDS

1. Cinereous Vulture

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2. Bali Mynah
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PRIMATES

1. White-Handed Gibbon

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2. Golden Spider Monkey

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3. Ring Tailed Lemur

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4. Cotton-top Tamarin

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5. Mandrill Baboon

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6. Lowland Gorilla

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7. Orangutan
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PACHYDERMS

1. Asian Elephants

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2. Maned Wolf
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CHEETAH

PREDATORS

1. Indochinese Tiger

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2. Asian Small-Clawed Otter

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3. Bengal Tiger
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