

# ENDANGERED SPECIES SCAVENGER HUNT

1. THERE ARE LESS THAN 20 OF THESE CANINES LEFT IN THE WILD. THEY ARE SOCIAL AND LIVE IN CLOSE-KNIT PACKS!
2. THIS AMPHIBIAN KEEPS ITS GILLS FOR ITS ENTIRE LIFE. THEY ARE ONLY FOUND IN ONE LAKE SYSTEM IN MEXICO.
3. THIS SPECIES OF TURTLE IS NAMED FOR THE SPOTS ON ITS BACK. EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE SMALL, THEY ARE FULL SIZE ADULTS!
4. THIS SPECIES OF SMALL PRIMATE IS FAMOUS FOR ITS FLUFFY WHITE HAIR. THEY ARE ONLY FOUND IN THE FORESTS OF COLUMBIA.
5. A REPTILE SPECIFICALLY ENDANGERED IN NJ, KNOWN FOR ITS DISTINCTIVE MARKINGS AND WHITE LIPS, THAT CAN "BREATHE" UNDERWATER.
6. THIS BIRD IS ONE OF THE LARGEST FLYING ANIMALS. THEY HAVE A WHITE FLUFFY COLLAR OF FEATHERS AROUND THEIR NECKS.
7. THIS LARGE HERBIVORE HAS A TRUNK AND HAS A DARK BROWN COLORATION. ITS CLOSEST RELATIVE IS THE HORSE!
8. THESE BIG OWLS LIVE SO FAR NORTH THAT IT'S TOO COLD FOR TREES TO GROW! THEY MAKE NESTS ON THE GROUND.

## WHAT DOES "ENDANGERED SPECIES" MEAN?

To be "endangered" means that an animal is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range in the wild. Any species can be endangered -- animals, plants, coral, fungi, insects, or any number of other life forms on this planet (including humans).

## WHAT IS THE "IUCN RED LIST"?

The **International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of Threatened Species** is the world's most comprehensive information source on the global conservation status of animal, fungi and plant species. The IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria are intended to be an easy and widely understood system for classifying species at high risk of global extinction.

## WHY DO WE WANT TO PROTECT ENDANGERED SPECIES?

When a species becomes endangered, each species that is lost triggers a cascade effect, impacting the whole ecosystem. Humans depend on healthy ecosystems and if we allow our environment to become contaminated, we risk the health of us and all other living species.

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## SCAVENGER HUNT ANSWER KEY

- 1.) Red Wolf
- 2.) Axolotl
- 3.) Spotted Turtle
- 4.) Cotton-top Tamarin
- 5.) Diamondback Terrapin
- 6.) Andean Condor
- 7.) Baird's Tapir
- 8.) Snowy Owl

