

## *Zoo Atlanta Scavenger Hunt (With Answers)*

- Flamingo Plaza
  - Why is the conservation status for the Chilean Flamingo “at risk”?
    - Egg harvesting – *can be found at the flamingo exhibit*
- African Plains
  - How much does an ostrich egg weigh?
    - 3 lbs – *can be found to the right of the giraffe deck*
  - How many bones does a giraffe have in its neck?
    - 7 – *can be found to the right of the giraffe deck*
  - How do a zebra’s stripes serve as protection from predators?
    - The stripes can make it more difficult for a predator to focus on a single zebra – *can be found to the right of the giraffe deck*
  - What campaign can you join that petitions against poaching of elephants and the ivory trade?
    - 96 Elephants – *can be found inside the elephant barn and by multiple outdoor elephant viewing areas*
  - How tall do male elephants get when they are full grown?
    - 13 ft tall – *can be found at the outdoor elephant viewing area*
  - What is a baby elephant called?
    - Calf – *can be found at the outdoor elephant viewing area directly to the left of the barn*
  - What is one alternative to ivory?

- Tagua nuts – *can be found inside the elephant barn directly beside the door*
- What are the four purposes of feathers?
  - Insulation, protection, flight and steering – *can be found across from the elephant barn, above the bird exhibits*
- Where do warthogs get their name?
  - The fleshy protrusions on the males' faces – *can be found at the warthog exhibit*
- Why do meerkats have dark bands around their eyes?
  - To reduce the glare from the sun like built-in sunglasses – *can be found at the meerkat exhibit*
- How tall is a baby giraffe when it is born?
  - 6 ft tall – *can be found on the left side of the giraffe deck*
- Rhinos are critically endangered because their horns are harvested by poachers. Why are the horns in high demand?
  - Rhino horns are used in ornaments and for medicine – *can be found at the rhino viewing area closest to the meerkats*
- What is a rhino's horn made of? What other things are made of this substance?
  - Keratin. Hair and Nails. – *can be found at the rhino exhibit*
- A lion's roar can be heard up to \_\_\_\_ miles away.

- 5 – *can be found at covered lion viewing area on the sign with the skull replica*
  - What does the word “duiker” mean?
    - Diver. It comes from their habit of diving into vegetation for cover – *can be found at the bongo/duiker exhibit*
  - What is the term for a granite rock outcrop on a savannah?
    - Kopje – *can be found to the right of the upper lion viewing area*
- Ford African Rain Forest
  - What species of gorillas are at Zoo Atlanta?
    - Western Lowland Gorillas – *can be found at multiple signs outside as well as inside the Ford Willie B. Gorilla Conservation Center*
  - What mineral, commonly found in cell phones, is being aggressively harvested and causing extreme habitat loss for gorillas?
    - Coltan – *can be found on the cell phone recycling bin in the Ford Willie B. Gorilla Conservation Center*
  - What is the leader of a group of gorillas called?
    - A silverback – *can be found in the Ford Willie B. Gorilla Conservation Center to the right of the viewing area and outdoors near the gorilla yard 2.*
  - What is the most common way used by researchers to tell gorillas apart?
    - Nose prints – *can be found in the Willie B. Gorilla Conservation Center by the pictures of gorilla nose prints*

- At what age does a male gorilla's get its silver coloring?
  - At age 8 or 9 – *can be found outdoors on the large sign near the gorilla yard 2.*
- The Living Treehouse
  - What two primates can be seen from inside The Living Treehouse?
    - Wolf's Guenon and Drills – *can be found at the viewing window inside The Living Treehouse*
  - What are two things you can do to help trees and the animals that need them?
    - Compost, carpool, turn off lights, plant trees, reuse water bottles, cancel junk mail etc. – *can be found near the exit of The Living Treehouse*
  - What is the most endangered monkey species in Africa?
    - Drill – *can be found by the exit and to the left of the viewing window inside The Living Treehouse*
- Otters
  - What types of otters does Zoo Atlanta have?
    - Asian Small-Clawed Otters and Giant Otters – *can be found at the otter exhibit*
  - Are otters hand or mouth-oriented?
    - Hand -oriented – *can be found at the otter exhibit*
  - What are two major threats to otter populations?

- Habitat loss and pollution – *can be found at the otter exhibit*
- Naked Mole Rats
  - Naked mole rats exhibit the same type of social behavior as ants, bees and wasps. What is this called and what does it mean?
    - It is eusocial behavior. It means that populations of naked mole rats have a colony that revolves around the needs of the queen – *can be found near the exit of the naked mole rat building*
- Orangutans
  - How do orangutans help forests grow?
    - They disperse seeds throughout their habitat – *can be found at orangutan yard 2*
  - How can Bornean and Sumatran Orangutans be told apart?
    - Bornean Orangutans are darker in color and have larger faces and smaller beards than Sumatran Orangutans – *can be found at orangutan yard 2*
  - What does it mean for animals like orangutans to be arboreal?
    - They spend most of their time in trees and little time on the ground – *can be found at orangutan yard 1*
  - How long is the childhood of an orangutan?
    - ~ 9 years – *can be found at yard 1 of the orangutans*
  - What is the current conservation status of Sumatran and Bornean Orangutans in the wild?

- Critically endangered and endangered, respectively - *can be found at all orangutan exhibits*
  - How can a mature and an immature male orangutan be told apart?
    - The cheek pads on a mature male are bigger – *can be found at orangutan yard 1*
- Komodo Dragon
  - How does the size of the Komodo dragon compare to other lizards?
    - It is the largest lizard in the world – *can be found at Komodo dragon exhibit*
  - How much can a Komodo dragon eat?
    - Up to half of its body weight at one time – *can be found at Komodo dragon exhibit*
- Trader's Alley
  - Which animal is commonly called the “raccoon dog”?
    - Tanuki – *can be found on Trader's Alley by the tanuki exhibit*
  - What are the tiny cages that Sun Bears are often kept in called? Why are they put in them?
    - They are called a “crush” and they are used to hold the animals while people harvest their bile – *can be found at multiple places along trader's alley*
  - Where do Sun Bears get their name?

- the yellow semi-circle on their chests – *can be found along Trader’s Alley*
  - Out of all the subspecies of tigers, which three are extinct and how did they become extinct?
    - Bali, Caspian and Javan. They became extinct due to habitat loss.
      - *can be found at the Sun Bear/Tiger Terrace*
  - Do Sumatran tigers live in groups or solitarily?
    - They are solitary! – *can be found in the Sun Bear/Tiger Terrace*
  - When does a male Wreathed Hornbill enclose his female mate in a tree cavity?
    - When she is ready to lay her eggs – *can be found along traders alley at the “peep hole” across from the Muntjac exhibit*
- Giant Pandas
  - What are the names of the two adult pandas?
    - Lun Lun and Yang Yang
  - Bamboo makes up 99% of a Giant Panda’s diet but the species still has what characteristics of a carnivore?
    - Digestive tract – *can be found at the 1<sup>st</sup> outdoor panda exhibit*
  - What is the sixth digit on the panda’s claw?
    - Pseudthumb – *can be found inside the hut at the entrance of the panda exhibit pathway. Can also be found by the red panda.*
  - How many bowel movements can a Giant Panda have in one day?

- 100 - *can be found in the covered panda viewing area*
- Outback Station & Children's Zoo
  - What species of kangaroo does Zoo Atlanta have?
    - Red Kangaroo – *can be found on various signs at the exhibit*
  - What is the conservation status of the Red Kangaroo?
    - Not endangered but protected by law – *can be found at the Red Kangaroo exhibit*
  - How does the Wattle Crane exhibit aggressive behavior?
    - Its wattle expands – *can be found at the wattle crane exhibit close to the barn*
  - Are Kunekune pigs smart?
    - Yes. They learn more quickly than dogs. – *can be found at the kunekune exhibit inside the barn*
  - What is the vocalization called that is between two Golden Lion Tamarins in different parts of a habitat?
    - A long call – *can be found in the Brazilian Outpost*
  - What are two types of tamarin that Zoo Atlanta has?
    - Geoffroys and Golden Lion – *can be found in Brazilian Outpost*
  - From where does the Victoria Crowned Pigeon originate?
    - Southeast Asia – *can be found at the Victoria Crowned Pigeon exhibit in the Children's Zoo by the rock wall*
  - How long can an Aldabra Tortoise live?



- Over 100 years – *can be found in front of the green house*
  - Which of the five senses is not particularly strong in birds?
    - Taste – *can be found in front of the Malayan Great Argus on the path from the Children’s Zoo the upper part of the zoo.*
- Carnivores
  - What is the largest carnivore found on the island of Madagascar
    - Fossa – *can be found in front of the fossa exhibit in the Complex Carnivores area*
  - How do bush dogs communicate with each other?
    - Specialized calls – *can be found at the upper bush dog viewing area*
  - How do binturongs help the forest grow?
    - Their droppings help disperse seeds – *in the Complex Carnivore area at the binturong exhibit*