

LSU MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE

ABC SCAVENGER HUNT

Directions: Pick up a scavenger hunt sheet and dry erase marker and see if you can find the different animals in the museum that start with corresponds to the letter.

Hints:

- You can find the name of the animals in the dioramas by looking at the key next to the diorama.
- If you want to know more about the animals in the dioramas look on the iPads.
- The answers will always be the name of the animal and how it appears on the museum's labels. For example "Eastern Box Turtle" would be "E" unless it otherwise says so!

Answers can be found on the outreach table by the front door!

I am a large reptile that is common in Louisiana swamps.

A _____

I am the national bird of the USA. I am not really bald, I just have white feathers on the top of my head.

B _____

I am a common goose in North America. I have a brown body and a black head and neck. Adults of my species will mate for life and can live for over 30 years!

C _____

I am a wild sheep native to northwestern North America. I have white fur and my males have large curving horns. Hint: you will need to look up to see me.

D _____

I am the largest squirrel in Louisiana. I make large ball-like nests out of sticks and leaves.

E _____

I am a species of turtle found in Louisiana. Sometimes I am called a sawback turtle because my shell has low "spines" across the top.

F _____

I live in the desert. People refer to me as a monster because I am one of only two venomous lizards in the world. My bright colors warn predators to stay away.

G _____

I am a small duck that likes to live in wooded wetlands. I get my name from the fan-shaped crest on my head.

Hint: You will find me in a diorama.

H _____

I am a small bird that can be found in Louisiana, although this is very rare in the winter. During the summer males of my species have bright blue feathers!

I _____

I am a shrub that is generally found in dry deserts. My seeds are an important food source for many animals, they can also be pressed to produce a popular oil that people like to use.

J _____

I am a colorful bird that lives in rainforests. I am known for my rainbow-colored bill that I use to dissect fruit. I am also the national bird of Belize.

K _____

There is a back side!

Butterflies and moths belong to my order. All of the animals in my order have “scaled wings” that are different from the wings of any other insects.

L_____

I went extinct around 10,000 to 11,000 years ago and now you can only find fossils of me! I was a type of Elephant!

M_____

I am a rodent that is native to South America. I was introduced both accidentally and on purpose to the waterways of Louisiana where I am very destructive to the natural habitat and create problems for waterfowl.

N_____

I am the longest bonyfish in the world and can get up to 36 feet long. You can find me in temperate and tropical oceans, including the Gulf of Mexico.

O_____

I am a large white bear. Unlike other bears, I do not hibernate in the winter.

P_____

I am an evergreen vine with purple flowers that bloom in late spring to early summer. I am most often found in rainforests.

Q_____

I am a venomous snake that is only found in the Americas. When I feel in danger, I make noise by shaking my tail to warn off possible predators.

Hint: this is the animal’s general name, not the full common name (R for Swamp Rabbit, not S for Swamp Rabbit).

R_____

I am a medium-sized bird that likes to make my nests in colonies on coastal islands. I have a long, thin, dark bill with a pale-yellow tip and black legs.

S_____

I am the most famous mammal on LSU’s campus! My stripe pattern is not just on my fur but also on my skin.

T_____

I am a tiny frog and am seldom seen outside of my breeding season. My color is brown/gray with a highly variable pattern. I can be found in Louisiana.

U_____

I am a large scavenger bird that feeds mostly on decaying animals. My body feathers are brownish-black, but my head has little or no feathers. Hint: this is the animal’s general name, not the full common name (R for Swamp Rabbit, not S for Swamp Rabbit).

V_____

I am the tallest bird in North America reaching 5 ft. My adults have white feathers with red markings on their heads. My juveniles (babies) have rusty brown feathers. We were not found in Louisiana after the 1950s but due to amazing conservation efforts, starting back in 2011, we are now being reintroduced into LA!

W_____

I am a large ground squirrel that lives in the western part of Canada and the USA, including the Rocky Mountains. I hibernate in the winter for eight months. I get my common name from the yellow fur on my chest and belly.

Y_____

I am a close relative of the horse but have a unique stripe pattern.

Z_____