

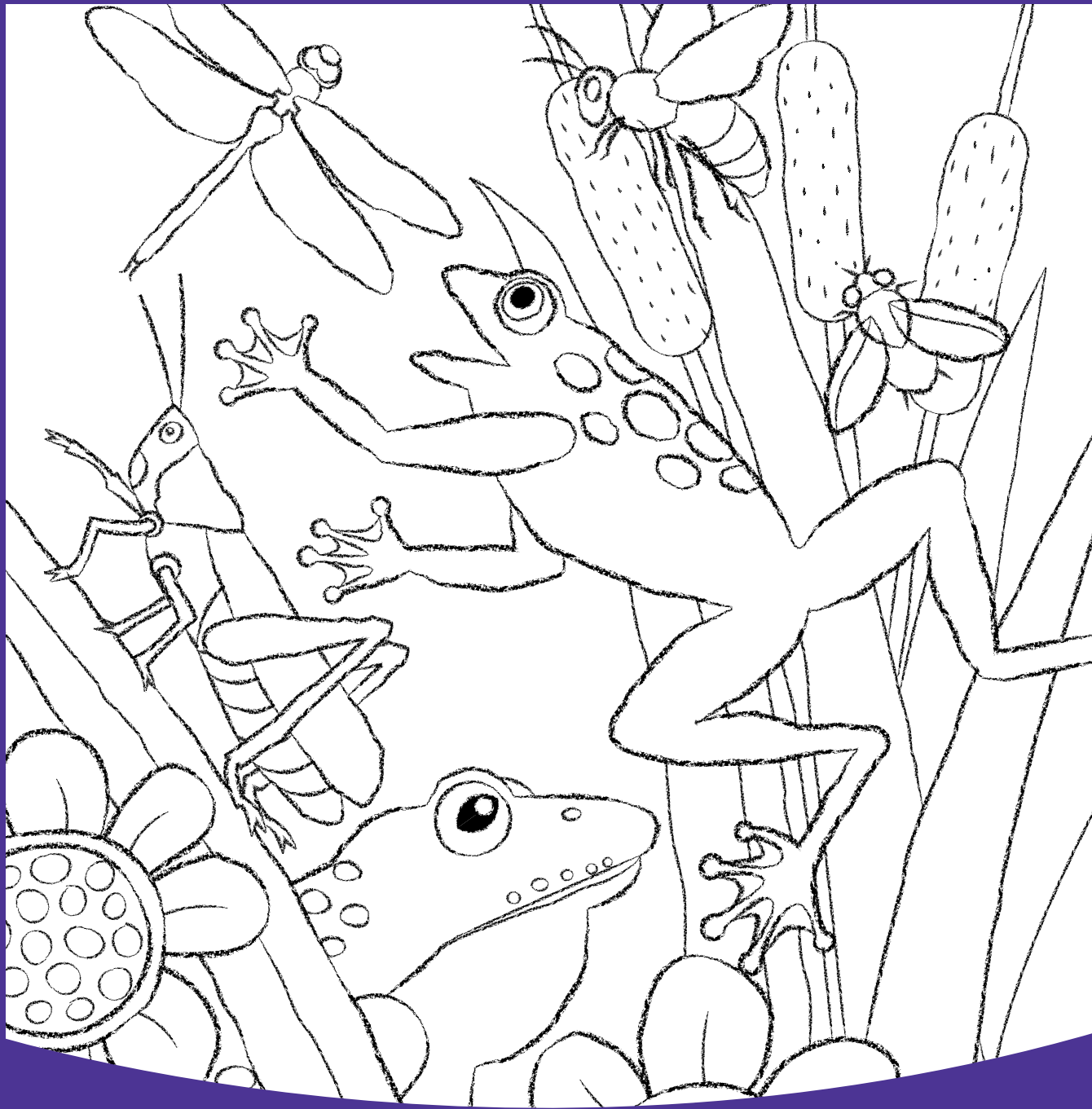


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Ready, Set, Explore! Wildlife Explorers Basecamp is a brand-new adventure—created just for you! It's your place to jump, scramble, splash, and discover four exciting habitats: Rainforest, Desert Dunes, Marsh Meadows, and Wild Woods; and the reptiles, amphibians, insects, birds, primates, and more that call these wild places home.

Keeping track

What kind of Wildlife Explorers Basecamp animals have been walking this way? There are clues afoot when it comes to telling whose trail is whose—do you see toes or talons? Webbing or claws? **Draw a line connecting each species to the tracks it makes.**

Black-tailed prairie dog

Fennec fox

Caiman lizard

Fiji banded iguana

Western burrowing owl

Naked mole-rat

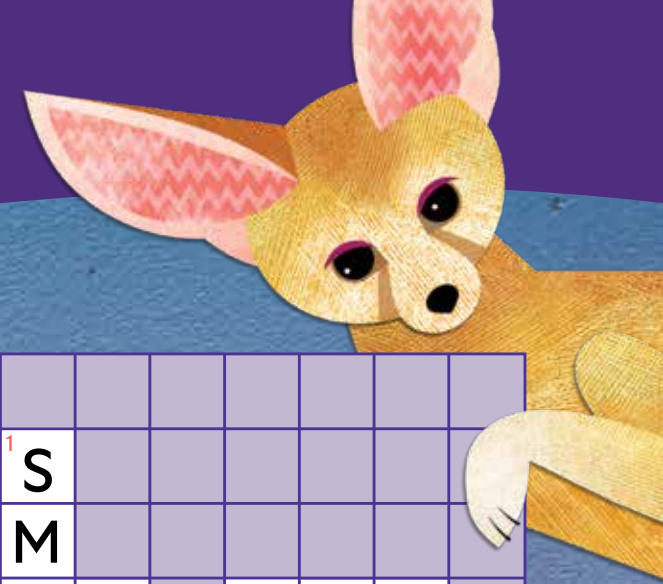


Visit the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Explorers website for the solutions to these puzzles and games, and to find out about wildlife and habitats, plus videos, crafts, stories and more! sdzwildlifeexplorers.org/march-activity-book

Fennec fox fun facts

Read the sentences below for clues, then fill in the grid on the facing page.

1. Measuring only about 16 inches in length, the fennec is the _____ of the foxes.
2. The fennec fox is a _____, which means it eats mostly meat.
3. To help them walk on the hot desert sand, fennec foxes also have thick fur on the soles of their _____.
(DOWN)
4. The fennec fox's light coloring helps it blend in with its sandy surroundings. This is called _____.
5. This species is widespread in the sandy deserts and semi-deserts of this continent (hint: lions and elephants live here, too) _____.
6. Their thick _____ helps to insulate them from the cold desert nights.
(ACROSS)
7. The fennec fox's large ears give them extraordinary _____.
8. Their long ears also help them cool off by dissipating _____.
9. Baby fennec foxes are called _____, which makes it sound like they are cats.
10. Fennec foxes' ears can be _____ as long as their body.
11. Fennec foxes are _____, which means they are most active at night.



Dig in and help!

Search your brain for words to fill in the blanks, and discover an owl with a surprising lifestyle, the trouble it faces, and “whooooo” is helping! You may end up with a silly story, but you’ll get to know these special little birds, too.

Here’s an example story below. Have fun and create your own!

For burrowing owls, a hole in the ground is home. But these small birds don’t dig them—they use holes dug by ground squirrels. The fast but mighty owls adjective sleep and raise chicks in the square tunnels. adjective And when these tiny hunters catch more than they can eat, they store the extra in their hat for times noun when they may not be able to skip food. Without cars, these plural noun smart birds can’t survive, and in some places, they are losing habitat. adjective San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance is working to help burrowing owls in Southern California. Our scientists have placed human-made pipe burrows in protected areas for the birds to use. They even added sneaky cameras inside to see what adjective happens inside the refrigerator. noun What they learn will help protect these curly birds so they don’t vanish forever. adjective



You can help!

If you have internet access—and you have an adult’s permission—you can become a “citizen scientist” and help us classify field photos taken by motion-activated cameras set up outside a burrowing owl den in Otay Mesa, California. To find out more about Wildwatch Burrowing Owl, visit [Zooniverse.org](https://www.zooniverse.org).



Ignite a passion for wildlife with a Wildlife Explorer membership!

As a Wildlife Explorer, young members ages 3 to 17 can enjoy year-round admission to one-of-a-kind moments at the San Diego Zoo and San Diego Zoo Safari Park. There they can go on wild adventures while learning about wildlife from around the world.

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What's for dinner?



Do you have a favorite food that you pick when it's your turn to choose what's for dinner? Are burgers the best? Do you always say "sure" to salad? Or is it always time for tacos? Well, animals certainly know what they like to eat. Some species are carnivores, and they eat meat. Herbivores gobble on plants, and omnivores chow down on just about anything! Are you ready to play chef? **Match the animals below with the meal they would most likely enjoy.** There are clues for the first two to get you started:



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| A. Fruit | 1. Vampire crab <i>(Their meal might chirp.)</i> |
| B. Seeds | 2. Caiman lizard <i>(Their dinner is kind of slow.)</i> |
| C. Roots | 3. Burrowing owl |
| D. Crickets | 4. Naked mole-rat |
| E. Snails | 5. Coati |
| F. Insects | 6. Black-tailed prairie dog |



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Searching the web

Spiders belong to a group of animals called arachnids (uh-RACK-nidz)—animals that have 8 legs. Even though only a few species are dangerous to humans, some people are afraid of all of them, and spiders often get a bad rap. But spiders help keep their ecosystems healthy by eating insects and other arthropods, and keeping those numbers in check. They're also fascinating animals!



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In the grid above, there are 15 words that can be associated with spiders. Can you find them all? Remember to look forward, backward, up, and down—like spiders, these words can be hanging anywhere!

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| 1. Arachnid | 8. Orb |
| 2. Burrow | 9. Silk |
| 3. Cocoon | 10. Spiderlings |
| 4. Crawling | 11. Spinnerets |
| 5. Dragline | 12. Tarantula |
| 6. Jumping | 13. Venom |
| 7. Legs | 14. Weaving |
| | 15. Web |

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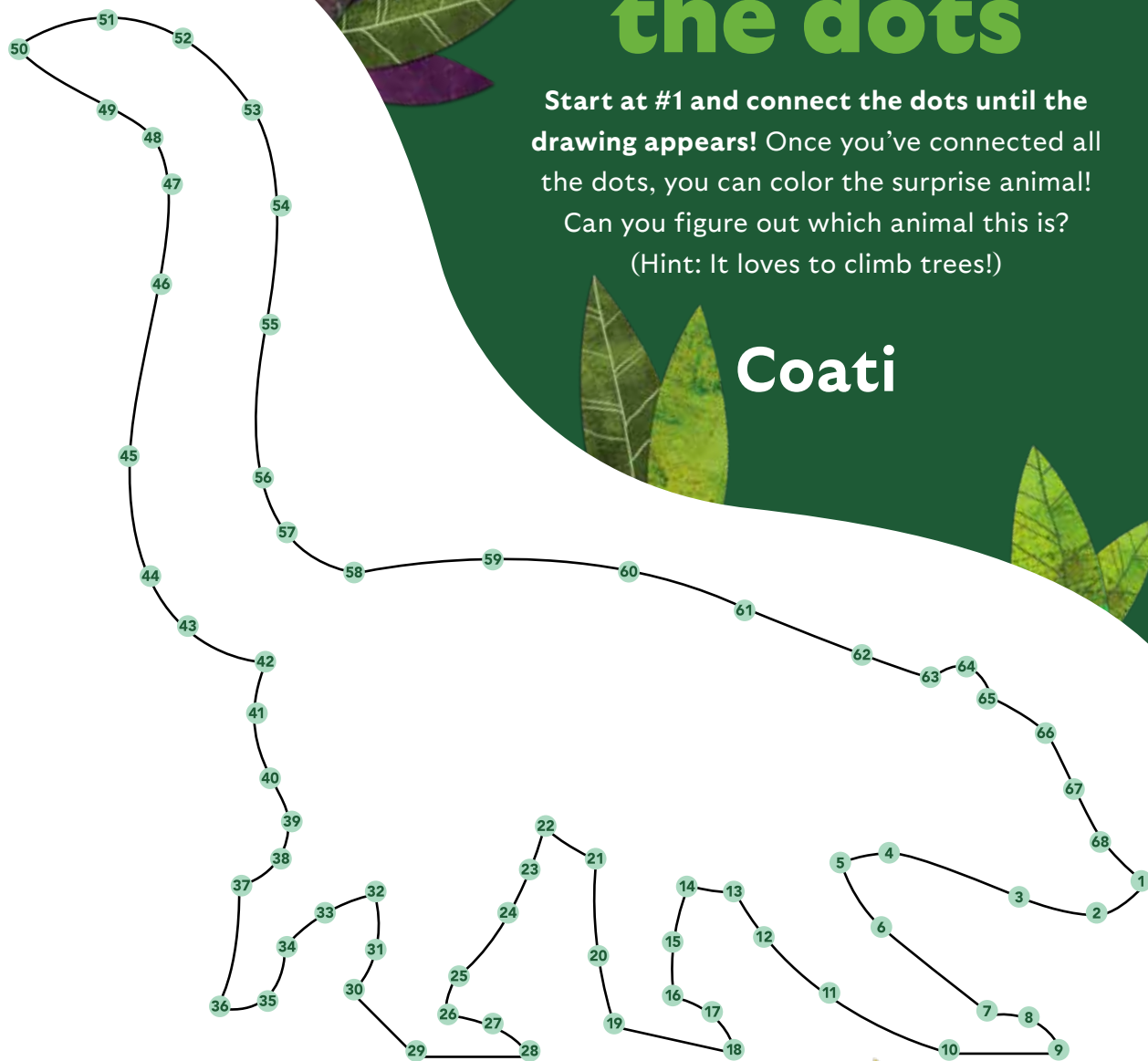
Connect the dots

Start at #1 and connect the dots until the drawing appears! Once you've connected all the dots, you can color the surprise animal!

Can you figure out which animal this is?

(Hint: It loves to climb trees!)

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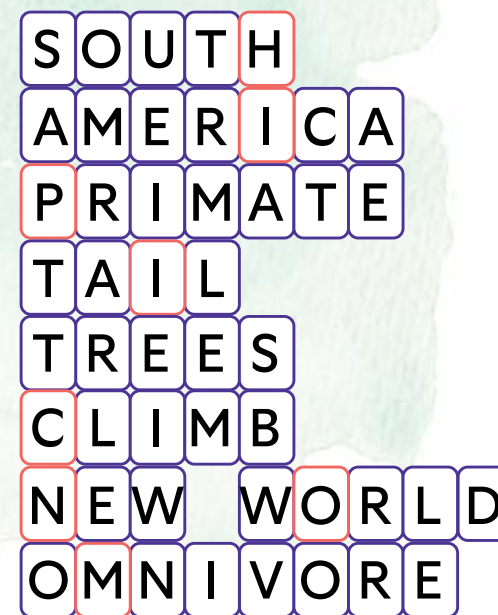
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Monkeying around

Living in the jungles of South and Central America, squirrel monkeys are small, New World primates that spend their time with the other members of their troop. They make their way from tree to tree, and look for all kinds of food to eat. They can also be found in the new Wildlife Explorers Basecamp at the San Diego Zoo. To get to know them a little bit better, unscramble the words below to discover some squirrel monkey-related words. (There are some hints in this paragraph!).

1. OUTHS
2. CAMAIER
3. EATMIRP
4. ITAL
5. ESTER
6. LBMC I
7. ENW DLROW
8. REVONIOM

(hint: they eat all kinds of food)

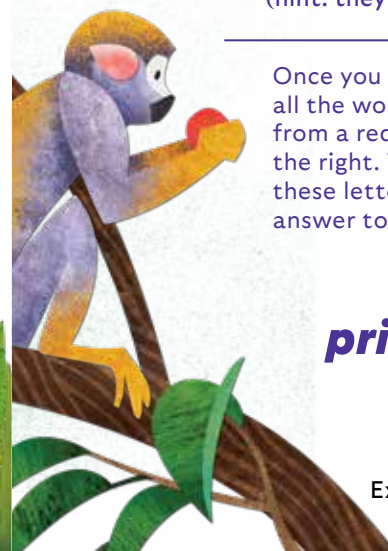


Once you have unscrambled all the words, copy each letter from a red box into the boxes at the right. When you unscramble these letters, you'll have the answer to the riddle below!

H I P I C N O M

**What do you call a small primate who won the big race?
The " CHIMPION !"**

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