ENDANGERED SPECIES... WHAT CAN WE DO?

Link to our exhibit: “Louisiana’s Past: The Border of a Canebrake”

Some species are threatened or endangered. You and your school can make a
difference to help conserve some of these species and their habitat. For instance,
you can organize campaigns at local science events and tell the public about
endangered species in general, or about a particular endangered species from
your area.

To help you learn more about this subject, here are some questions about threat-
ened or endangered species. The answers to these questions are the hidden
words listed below!

1) Extinction is natural and happened
before humans lived on the planet
(i.e., the extinction of dinosaurs).
Why is this normal process a
concern now?

2) About how many species became
extinct in the last century?

3) What is the natural extinction rate
per hundred years?

4) What is the abbreviation for the
Endangered Species Act?

5) What shellfish is in trouble in
America’s streams?

6) Which loss is the biggest threat for
a species?

7) What is the acronym for the federal
agency that protects endangered
species & habitats and manages the
National Wildlife Refuge System?

8) What do you call the many different
kinds of life in all their forms?

9) What do you call a species that is
in immediate danger of becoming
extinct?

10) What do you call species that
invade and crowd out a native
species?

11) What do you call a species when
there is no more time to save it?

12) What do you call a species that is
vulnerable, but not yet in immediate
danger of extinction?

13) What do you call the elected body
that passes legislation such as the
Endangered Species Act?

14) What is the estimated percent-
age of plants and animals that have
gone extinct since the beginning of
time?

15) What do you call plants and
animals which are not listed as
threatened or endangered but that are being considered as such?

16) What is the ultimate goal of the
Endangered Species Act?

17) What is America’s most famous
recovered species?

18) What is the name of a successfully
recovered species in the South?

19) What is the name of a species that
is endangered in Louisiana?

20) What is the name of a species that
is threatened in Louisiana?

THE HIDDEN WORDS
BALD-EAGLE
BIODIVERSITY
BLACK-BEAR
BROWN-PELICAN
CANDIDATES
CONGRESS
ENDANGERED
ESA
EXOTICS
EXTINCT
HABITAT
HIGHEST-RATE
MUSSELS
NINETY
ONE
OVER-ONE-HUNDRED
RECOVERY
RED-WOLF
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