



ABC SCAVENGER HUNT

Directions: Find the answers to these clues and mark them in alphabetical order on the next page. The answer to each clue begins with the letter it corresponds to. Hint: The answers are all animals in our displays.

WHAT AM I?

- A I am a large reptile that is common in Louisiana swamps.
- B I am the national bird of the USA. I am not really bald, I just have white feathers on the top of my head.
- C I am a small bird with very colorful red feathers. I eat seeds, insects, snails, and maple sap.
- D I am a mammal with four long legs and I stand about 3 feet tall. I can be found in places where there are many trees as I eat the leaves of these trees. My most characteristic feature is the white tip of my tail.
- E I am a bird as white as snow. I was once endangered, but thanks to the effort of one of Louisiana's residents, Mr. Edward McIlhenny, I was able to nest at Avery Island and escape extinction. Once there were only 7 of us left on the island, but now, more than 20,000 of us nest there every year.
- F 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.
- G I enjoy living 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.
- H I look somewhat like a frog or toad but I am really a lizard. Like all reptiles, I depend on the environment to regulate my body temperature, and I like it hot! Unlike other lizards, I have a wide, flattened spiny body, with a crown of horns on the back of my head.
- I I am one of the most beautiful and graceful antelopes. I have the grace of a ballet dancer and can leap up to 12 yards at a time. I have a shiny reddish brown coat and long slender legs.

ANSWERS



- J I am a colorful blue bird that is common in the United States. I am mainly a vegetarian but I sometimes eat grasshoppers or caterpillars.
- K 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.
- L Butterflies and moths belong to my order. My name comes from two greek words that are "Lepidos" which means "scales" and "ptera" which means "wing." All of the animals in my order have "scaled wings" that are different from the wings of any other insects.
- M I am the most famous mammal on the LSU campus. My stripe pattern allows people to tell me apart from other animals of my species.
- N I am a member of the rodent family and I am native to South America. I was introduced both accidentally and on purpose to the waterways of Louisiana and have now proved to be very destructive to the natural habitat, creating problems for waterfowl.
- O 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.
- P I am a large bear with clear hollow hairs and I live in very cold places like the Arctic.
- Q I am a chunky round-shaped bird with a plume on the top of my head. I mainly live in the desert.
- R I am a venomous snake that can only be found in the Americas. When I feel in danger, I shake my tail and produce a rattle sound.





S I am a rare, ancient fish native to Louisiana. I am partly covered in bony plates and I have 4 barbels under my head. My eggs are a good source for caviar, but because of overfishing I am currently endangered in the wild.

T I am an amphibian with an eel-like appearance. I can reach lengths of over 30 inches and have two pairs of tiny legs each with three toes. My color is dark brown on the back and pale gray on the belly.

U I am a tiny little frog, very secretive and seldom seen outside the breeding season. My color is brown/gray with a highly variable pattern.

V 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.

W My name is linked to the reddish brown color of the fur on my head, ears, and legs. I am a large predator that used to roam Louisiana's wilderness, but I am now considered extinct in the wild. My favorite food is white-tailed deer and raccoon, but I will eat any small animal.

X I am a large ground squirrel that lives in the mountainous regions of western Canada and the USA. I hibernate in the winter for eight months.

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

PLACE YOUR ANSWERS HERE

A Alligator

B Bald Eagle

C Northern Cardinal

D White-tailed Deer

E Egret

F False Map Turtle

G Gila Monster

H Texas Horned Lizard

I Impala

J Blue Jay

K Keel-billed Toucan

L Lepidoptera

M Mike the Tiger

N Nutria

O Oarfish

P Polar Bear

Q Gambel's Quail

R Rattlesnakes

S Sturgeon

T Three-toed Amphiuma

U Upland Chorus Frog

V Vulture

W Timber or Red Wolf

X _____

Y Yellow-bellied Marmot

Z Zebra

