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Vampire Bats



These clever creatures use a special sense called thermoception to locate a warm spot to bite and drink from. You could probably guess their food of choice.



Bonus



Keep your eyes peeled at night — they love the dark.



Spider Monkeys



Need an extra hand? Spider monkeys swoop in and use their tail as an additional arm as they swing from branch to branch in search of fruit.



Bonus



Look up! You'll spot them in the treetops.

stop by the youth center

Show your animal finds, and get special Animal Planet™ Superstar stickers!

We all love to see different types of creatures in their natural habitats. Anyone can help animals to have clean and healthy places to live.



Always put trash in its proper place — keep it out of the ocean!



Cut plastic six-pack rings so animals don't get caught in them.



Eat ocean-friendly fish, like wild Alaskan salmon and Pacific halibut.



Organize a beach or river cleanup day.



Enjoy animals in nature without touching. Look, but never remove anything from its natural environment.



caribbean animal guide

How to spot the locals



Use this guide to spot species local to the Caribbean. Read about each of the animals to get to know them better. Color a check box for any animal you see. Share it with your parents, and teach them what you learn.

easy to spot



Olive Ridley Sea Turtle

These sea turtles are loyal to their origins: the females always return to the beach where they were born to lay their eggs.



Bonus

The ocean and the sand are their favorites.



Stingrays

There's something unusual about the "bones" on these relatives of sharks. Their skeletons are actually made of cartilage!



Bonus

See them in shallow waters close to shore.



Caribbean Reef Sharks

Caribbean reef sharks are famous for finding their zen. They can lie on the ocean's floor for hours at a time since they don't need to swim in order to breathe.



Bonus

Spot them on coral reefs and near drop offs.



Magnificent Frigatebird

Here's a magnificent bird with a magnificent superpower: the ability to soar in the air for weeks on end without taking a breather.



Bonus

You might see them flying near the ocean's surface.



Scarlet Macaw

Everyone likes a little extra attention — even the scarlet macaw! They tend to get pretty cranky and throw temper tantrums when they're feeling ignored.



Bonus

Go into the wild — these birds love the forest and rivers.



Green Iguanas

These lizards longer than you are have a signature magic trick up their sleeve. If caught, they can detach their tail and grow a new one.



Bonus

Green Iguanas can be found roaming the canopies of trees.



Manatee

Those glittering sea creatures reported by early explorers? We now know that mermaid sightings were probably just manatees.



Bonus

See them swimming near the water's surface.



American Crocodile

Even though salty water may not sound like a good place to live to us, American crocodiles have special glands in their tongues that make it feel like home.



Bonus

River estuaries, lagoons and swamps are their favorite places.

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