

Rainforest Species

What are rainforest species? Tropical rainforests are hot, moist forests found around the Earth's equator. So, rainforest species are the animals and plants that have adapted to living in this environment.

Can you name three countries that have tropical rainforests?

There are four different layers to the rainforest.

The top layer is called the _____ layer and is home to animals such as harpy eagles and butterflies.

Below this is the _____ layer which is home to more animals than any other layer in the rainforest. This because it offers plenty of food and shelter making it the ideal home animals such as sloths, howler monkeys and toucans.

Under this is the _____ layer which is dark and humid. It is home to many smaller animals such as snakes and tree frogs and it also offers good opportunities for carnivores such as the Jaguar to camouflage themselves and hunt.

At the bottom there is the _____ layer. It is very dark down here, but some animals still thrive including scorpions, anteaters and wild pigs.

Orangutan



This is Molly, she is one of the Bornean Orangutans who calls Wingham Wildlife Park home.

Fun fact: The word orangutan comes from the Malay words “**orang hutan**”, which means “**human of the forest**”.

Here at the park our orangutans are fed a variety of foods but mostly vegetables. Can you draw three things below they would eat in the wild?

Please colour the map below to show where they can be found in the wild.



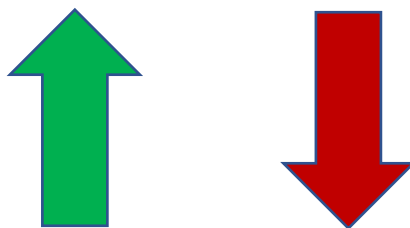
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Orangutans live in the _____ layer of the rainforest.

This species is classified as (please tick)

Least Concern	<input type="checkbox"/>
Near Threatened	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vulnerable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Endangered	<input type="checkbox"/>
Critically Endangered	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extinct in the Wild	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extinct	<input type="checkbox"/>

Can you find out if their numbers are **increasing** or **decreasing** in the wild (please circle the correct arrow)?



Can you name two of the threats they are facing?

_____ & _____

What can we do to help them?

Why don't you see what else you can find out about Bornean Orangutans?

Tapir



We are home to two lowland tapirs; they are called Nando and Kathleen.

Fun fact: Tapirs are surprisingly good swimmers. They may walk along the bottom of riverbeds looking for food and they retreat into water to evade predators.

There are four living species of tapir, the Lowland tapir (like Nando and Kathleen), Baird's tapir, Mountain tapir and Malayan tapir. Lowland, Baird's and Mountain Tapirs all live on the continent of _____ while the Malayan tapir lives in Asia.

A group of tapirs is called a _____.

Can you find out what the two closest relatives of the tapir are?

_____ & _____

Can you see any similarities?

Tapirs live on the _____ layer of the rainforest.

Lowland tapirs are classified as (please tick)

Least Concern	<input type="checkbox"/>
Near Threatened	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vulnerable	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Critically Endangered	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Name two threats that tapirs are facing in the wild.

_____ & _____

What is your favourite thing about a tapir?

Blue and Gold Macaw



We are home to a number of cheeky blue and gold macaws, they live with our scarlet macaws.

Fun Fact: They can live for up to 80 years!

Can you use blue and yellow pencils to colour where they live in the wild on the map below?



Image Credit: J. Bruce Jones 2019.

Macaws live in the _____ layer of the rainforest.

Try drawing beautiful blue and gold macaw on the sheet below and see what else you can find out about them.

What other Rainforest animals can you think of?

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