



Sculpture Learning Plaza Activity Guide

Feeding Frenzy



Leafcutter ant *Atta cephalotes*



Leafcutter ants use their massive mandibles (jaw pieces) to cut big sections of leaves that they use when “farming” fungi in their underground chambers.

Feel the large, powerful mandibles of the leafcutter ant and **compare** their jaws to yours.

Did you know?... At 10:30am and 3:30pm, the Zoo’s Magellanic penguins get hand-fed fishy treats!

California condor *Gymnogyps californianus*



The critically endangered California Condor is a scavenger, using its ten-foot wingspan to soar over the American Southwest in search of carrion (dead animals).

Stretch your hands apart as far as they can go and compare your armspan to this sculpture’s wingspan!

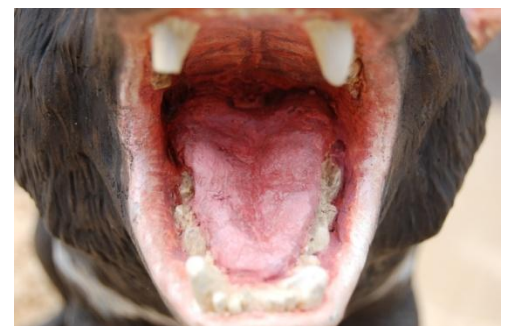
Galapagos marine iguana *Amblyrhynchus cristatus*

These large lizards can dive up to 30 feet deep in the rocky intertidal zone in search of algae. **Mimic** a marine iguana by streamlining yourself– squeeze your arms against your body and keep your legs together– and **wiggle** as if you were swimming in search of a yummy algal snack!



Can you find?...

- A sculpture carrying food?
- A sculpture of a flying animal that isn’t a bird?
- A sculpture of an animal that eats only meat?
- A sculpture of an animal that eats only plants?
- A sculpture with an open mouth that looks like this:





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Crafty Camouflage



Arctic hare

Lepus arcticus

These hares are well adapted to survive in polar, mountainous habitats. They have thick, white coats and will often huddle in groups or burrow under the snow to bear sub-freezing temperatures. **Huddle** in a close group with your friends to share body heat and keep warm like a hare!



Did you know?... Sumatran tigers' stripes help them blend in with their forest surroundings! You can see Jillian and Leanne in our Cat Kingdom!

Panther chameleon

Furcifer pardalis



These amazing lizards have the ability to change color in order to better blend in with the forest. Their eyes can pivot independently and they have a prehensile, or grasping, tail and grasping feet that help them live an arboreal (tree-dwelling) lifestyle.

Mudskipper

Subfamily Oxudercinae

These fish are uniquely suited for intertidal habitats due to their ability to walk on land and breathe both in and out of water.

Pretend you're a mudskipper- lay down, prop yourself up on your forearms, and try to move by using only your arms and core muscles!



Can you find?...

- A sculpture of an animal that might hide in trees?
- A sculpture, like the chameleon, with a pattern on their skin?
- A sculpture of an animal with more than 5 colors?
- The sculpture with this Braille? ⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠⠠ (Hint. the third letter of this animal's name is a D.)