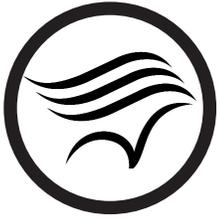


Junior Badge: Animal Habitats



Imagine meeting a monkey or kicking up dust with a kangaroo. These animals live in the wild, so we don't get to spend time with them in their natural homes – their habitats. But that doesn't mean we can't find out more about where they live, how they play, and how we can help them!

Step

1 FIND OUT ABOUT WILD ANIMALS



Observe a pet or tame animal for at least 15 minutes. Write at least three things about how it behaves. Then watch a similar animal at the Aquarium. Record your observations on this page. Which behaviors do the wild and tame animal share? Which are different?

BEHAVIORS	
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Step

2 INVESTIGATE AN ANIMAL HABITAT

Visit the Northern Pacific gallery. While there, answer each of these questions for five different animals that live in the northern Pacific habitat. If you need help, ask a staff member.

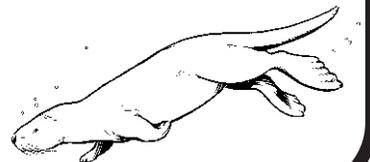
What country is the animal naturally found in?

How does its fur or skin help the animal live in this habitat?

How does it stay clean?

How does it get around in this habitat?

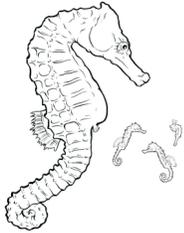
What kind of food can it find in this habitat?



Step

3 CREATE AN ANIMAL HOUSE

Check out the baby seahorses in the Tropical Pacific gallery. How does a male seahorse care for his young? What sort of habitat do seahorses live in? Draw a habitat for a seahorse father and his babies in the box below.



Step

4 EXPLORE ENDANGERED HABITATS



Visit the live coral exhibit in the Tropical Pacific gallery. Discover how coral habitat in the tropics is changing. Answer these questions about the endangered habitat.

Why are coral habitats in danger?

What is happening to the animals?

What are people doing to help the habitat?

Are the animals able to adapt?

Step

5 HELP PROTECT ANIMAL HABITATS

To finish your badge, choose one of the activities from step five in your Girl Scout booklet and get involved in helping protect animals' homes.