

ANIMAL RIDDLES

The following riddles are based on animals from Miami Metrozoo's Amazon and Beyond exhibit.

1. I sport a Mohawk type of hairdo. Don't be fooled as I am not a bird, but I live up in the trees. I am only one of three of this type of primate to be found in the Amazon. Who am I?
2. I move slowly through the trees, I only come down when nature calls. I am usually brown but at times look green; I have algae growing on me. Just because I hang upside down does not make me a bat. Who am I?
3. I call the underside of leaves home. Some of my mammalian cousins glide but I fly, who am I?
4. Sometimes I am called a pancake but I am not on your breakfast menu. My babies emerge from the skin on my back who am I?
5. The natives call me "Lobo del rio" or wolf of the river; I also am known as weasel of the river. I am the largest of my kind. I usually live in a family group where my siblings will help raise me. Who am I?
6. You may not want to date me as I sometimes eat my mate. Even though I am not a mammal, I am covered with some hair-like material and use my back legs to scratch them off to protect myself. Who am I?
7. I am one of the most popular fish in the world. If you are not careful I will give you a zap! Although I usually use my electrical currents to stun my prey! Who am I?
8. I am one of the largest birds in the rainforest. I live high up in the canopy where I eat sloths and monkeys. I catch my prey with my sharp talons. I am recognized as the National bird of Panama, who am I?
9. I usually live in the water but I am not a fish. I sometimes eat turtles, fish and even caimans. This is a mighty task, as I have no arms or legs to help me. I am the heaviest of my kind, who am I?

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10. My hair is unique to any other animal in the Amazon. I can use my tail to help me move around the trees where I live. I am related to rodents. I am the smallest of my kind. Who am I?

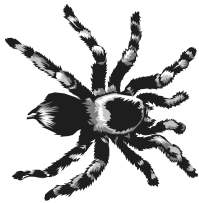
11. Don't let my name fool you, I have no hair. I live in the trees and catch prey by injecting them with venom using my hollow fangs. I can come in colors such as red and yellow, who am I?

12. I wake up in the morning and announce my presence. I have a special bone called a hyoid to help me vocalize. My tail is prehensile so I can use it to hang from. Who am I?

13. I have eight rosy colored toes. I do not use nail polish because I have an exoskeleton with no nails! Unlike others arachnids of my kind I live in groups up in the trees. Who am I?

14. My colors spell danger! But I am harmless to people. I slither around the rainforest with pride as most animals confuse me for my venomous cousin. Who am I?

15. Like other amphibians I breathe through my skin and because of this I am as fragile as crystal. My name implies that you can see through me but upon closer inspection you can see my organs from my underside. Who am I?



Answers to Animal Riddles

1. Cotton Top Tamarin
2. Sloth
3. Fruit Bat
4. Surinam Toad
5. Giant River Otter
6. Red Kneed Tarantula
7. Electric Eel
8. Harpy Eagle
9. Anaconda
10. Prehensile Tailed Porcupine
11. Eyelash Viper
12. Howler Monkey
13. Pink Toed Tarantula
14. False Coral Snake / Milk Snake
15. Glass Frog