

## RainForest Scavenger Hunt: Grades K-3

1. The rainforests are home to the widest variety of trees and plants. These trees and plants are being cut down to make room for farms, roads, and human homes. Why is it important to protect the trees and plants in rainforests? Why do humans and animals need trees and plants?
2. Frogs and toads are masters of disguise. They use camouflage to blend into their surroundings. Can you find all of the frogs and toads in their exhibits? Look closely! How does camouflage help frogs and toads?
3. Look at the fruit bats in their exhibit. Watch them for a few minutes. Do the bats like to be together or alone? How can you tell? What are they doing together?
4. Look at all of the lizard exhibits. You will probably see that they often stick out their tongues. Why do you think they do this?
5. Look at the spider tortoises and the Asian turtles in the large water exhibit. What is the purpose of a turtle or tortoise shell?
6. Head over to the porcupine exhibit. These porcupines have large quills on their backsides. What do you think these quills are for?
7. Upstairs you will find the two-toed sloth. Sloths live almost their entire lives in trees. Look at the sloth's long claws. What is he using his claws for? How do his claws help him live in the trees?
8. The rainforest is home to many different kinds of birds. Look high and low and peer through the bushes. What color birds do you see?
9. In the wild, there are two types of animals: predators and prey. Predators eat meat; they hunt and eat other animals. Prey usually eat plants and are hunted and eaten by bigger predators. Look at the agouti, capybara, fishing cat, ocelot, and chevrotain. Which animals do you think are predators? Which might be prey?
10. Watch the orangutans in their exhibit. Orangutans are very closely related to humans. Look at the orangutans and watch their movements and their behaviors. How do they look and act like humans? How do they look and act differently?