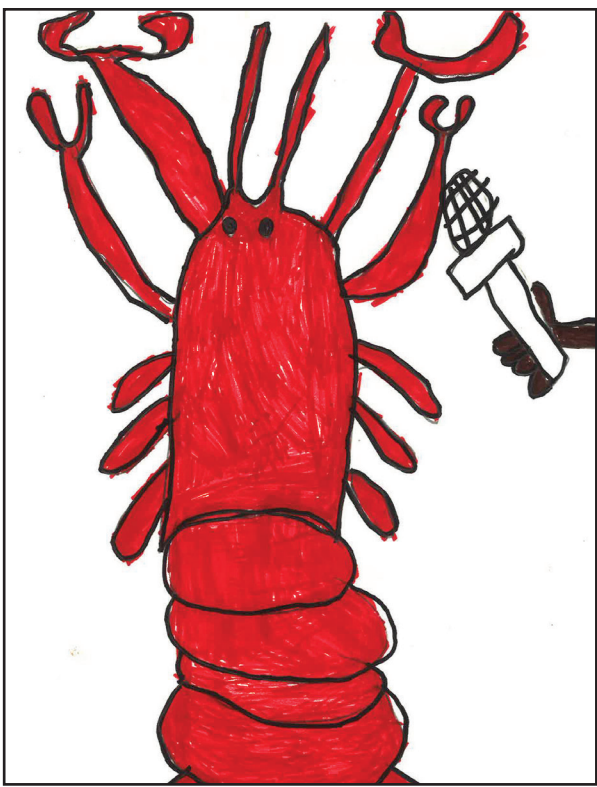


AMAZING ANIMALS



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Marsh madness: An interview with a crayfish

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Interviewers: What habitat do you live in?

Crayfish: We live in freshwater swamps, marshes and rivers. We are bottom feeders and help the rivers by cleaning up the dead stuff on the bottom. We are crustaceans which means we have exoskeletons to protect our bodies. When we grow we have to shed our exoskeletons and form new ones.

Interviewers: Do people like to catch you?

Crayfish: Yes, they trick us by putting

food in traps. We swim in but can't get out. People like to fish for me in large quantities and boil and eat me. Yikes!

Interviewers: If you had a game, what would it be called?

Crayfish: Fortnite epic Crayfish edition for PlayStation 56.

Interviewers: What do you think about current pollution problems?

Crayfish: I think people should stop throwing their trash in the water because it harms my kind and other animals' habitats. Also, stop using so many chemicals on your crops. They are killing us!



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Winging it: An interview with a wood duck

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Interviewer: Can I ask you a few questions?

Wood Duck: Yes, you can ask me some questions.

Interviewer: What is special about your kind?

Wood Duck: We need large bodies of water that are lakes. We also live in trees and rivers to be able to survive. We like living in a mix of a water habitat and a forest habitat.

Interviewer: Why are you called a wood duck?

Wood Duck: We use wooden covers for nesting. That's where we get our name

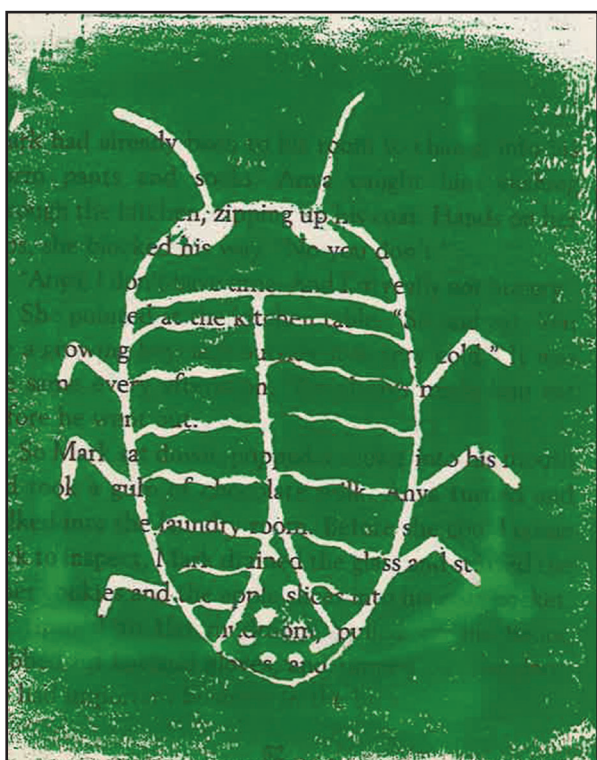
from. We also live in trees.

Interviewer: How would you describe what you look like?

Wood Duck: I'll say I look like a duck with a World War II helmet, and my feathers have colors like a red wood shade, tan and a sharp dark green.

Interviewer: What states do you usually live in the most?

Wood Duck: I live mostly in Florida and Texas, which is part of the United States, I also live in some parts of Canada. We live in some parts of Canada because after living in the hot South, we go somewhere cooler. And, of course, I live in California!



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Predator life: An interview with a gray fox

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Brooklyn: What is your favorite food and why?

Mr. Gray Fox: I like small mammals such as mice and birds, but I could never say no to some tasty plants or juicy fruit!

Brooklyn: Good to know!

Madeline: What is your ideal place to stay?

Mr. Gray Fox: An ideal place to stay is probably along streams and rivers. Also, overgrown fields are nice. I do love hollow logs or trees!

Madeline: Now I know where to find you!

Brooklyn: What threatens you? How can we help?

Mr. Gray Fox: Habitat loss is a great threat to us fellow foxes. You guys can help by not destroying natural habitats, and instead help by planting trees and other plants.

Brooklyn: Thanks for telling us.

Madeline: Do you have any sorts of predators, and if so, who?

Mr. Gray Fox: Yes, even though it is hard to believe, I do in fact have predators. They include bobcats, coyotes, great horned owls and golden



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eagles.
Madeline: Interesting! How do you guys fit

into the food chain?
Mr. Gray Fox: We Gray Foxes are secondary

consumers. This means we are omnivores.
Brooklyn: Cool!



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What's the buzz? An interview with a dragonfly

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Speaker 1: Hello Dave. We are going to be asking you a couple of questions. Let's start off with a simple one: What predators are you most intimidated by?

Dave the Dragonfly: I am very vulnerable, so I would have to say fish or frogs, but I am very scared of both.

Speaker 2: What's your favorite food, man? I'm sooo interested in that stuff now!

Dave: The flies are the juiciest, so I would have to go with that. But the mosquitoes are so plump I can't pass them by.

Speaker 1: Why is the dragonfly population going down?

Dave: Well, 16% of the world population of dragonflies is in danger of extinction because of the loss of swamps and free-flowing rivers. Agriculture and urbanization is causing our habitat loss.

Speaker 2: Where is your hang-out spot?

Dave: I love the swamps, marshes or rivers because I love to find my delicious bugs in that area. Now I'm getting hungry!

Speaker 1: How can humans help



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increase the population of dragonflies?

Dave: Well, I'm going to die anyway because we dragonflies don't live very long, but I know that they should add water treatment plants and stop littering because the dirty water is very bad for dragonflies. Also,

they should use less pesticides because they are harmful to us and the food we eat.

Speaker 2: Well, Dave, thank you for those ... rather interesting responses. See you soon! Well, folks this is the end of the segment, now to Lydia and the talking weasel!

A large-scale life: An interview with Mr. Catfish

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Interviewer 1: What do you need to survive?

Mr. Catfish: I need fresh water, salt water and brackish water. I eat small fish, crayfish, clams and frogs.

Interviewer 2: Who are you worried about?

Mr. Catfish: These are the following predators I am worried about — bigger catfish, alligators and

humans.
Interviewer 1: What is your habitat?

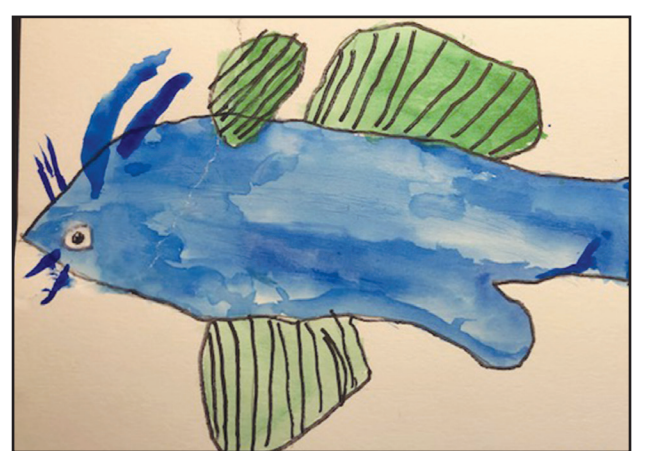
Mr. Catfish: My habitat is rivers, lakes, streams and ponds.

Interviewer 2: What are your whiskers for?

Mr. Catfish: My whiskers are for detecting food, I use them like a human nose.

Interviewer 1: How long do you live for?

Mr. Catfish: At the most, I can live up to 60 years.



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