

Selfie Scavenger Hunt

Are you good at taking selfies? How about taking them with animals? As you explore the Aquarium, use the following clues to find the animal, plant, or habitat being described. Once you find the answer, take a picture (a selfie) of you and the answer to PROVE you found it. Happy clicking!

1. Where the Ashley, Cooper, and Wando meet
You sometimes see dolphins, although discrete
2. As a shade tolerant evergreen tree,
I provide shelter with branches and leafy debris
3. You see me on quarters, in the sky or a tree
No longer endangered, soaring in the land of the free
4. My fur is dense and I have big webbed-feet
You won't find me in the ocean, freshwater is where I eat
5. Thought to be extinct due to habitat loss,
Rediscovered in Georgia, cause assumptions were false
6. In this habitat, water can look mucky,
But it is really leaf tannins, which make it look yucky
7. Without camouflage, it is tough to hunt and hide
The Aquarium is my home, so I won't sunburn outside
8. Water I grow in takes nutrients I need,
I capture bugs in pitchers and grow from a seed
9. My broad front legs help shelter construction,
Now I am endangered due to habitat destruction
10. I like to use my rattle to distract and protect,
And when I feel threatened, my venom I inject
11. My oversized bill helps me scoop up fish
The ban of DDT helped my species flourish
12. Diamond-shaped scutes line the top of my shell
My strong webbed-feet help me swim and propel
13. I am plentiful of plants and change with the tide
I have brackish water for animals to reside
14. Got a long "horsy" snout, armor to protect
Only males have babies and I swim erect
15. I am a venomous fish, with red and gold stripes
Invasive to our water, I can be eaten fried or diced
16. I am a transparent invert, plankton is what I eat
For protection I have stinging cells that I excrete
17. As a microscopic organism floating in the sea
The marine food web would be broken without me
18. I am the state reptile with a log-like head
Ectothermic and my shell is brownish red
19. With very sharp teeth and the gift of speed
I am an opportunistic predator when I feed
20. The most endangered turtle in the sea
I am the smallest sea turtle Carolinians see

Discussion:

- Do you feel inspired to help an animal species you saw today? What can you do to help this animal species?
- How can natural and human-made factors impact the balance of an ecosystem?
- How do watersheds affect the animals of South Carolina?
- Do you think the physical components of an ecosystem can be man-made? How are the fabricated abiotic components for the biological communities able to support and sustain life in each exhibit?