

People like to go and visit a zoo to take a look at the large number of varied wildlife housed therein. Taking a look at these wild animals in the wild in their natural habitats would require going into different types of forests or different water bodies or other wildlife habitats. But in a zoo many different wildlife species that live in many varied habitats can be seen in a single property. Animals that inhabit different habitats are brought in from around the world and kept in separate enclosures in a zoo.

The zoo houses animals from around the world

There are mammals, reptiles, fishes, amphibians and birds that are kept in zoos. These animals may be found in far off places that may be difficult to go to. For instance, going to Africa from India to see the giraffe and the zebra that inhabit the forests would constitute a long journey. But these can be seen in a zoo in India itself. Similarly, zoos have animals that may be elusive and difficult to spot in their natural habitats in the wild. The snow leopard and the red panda are such elusive creatures in difficult terrain. In a zoo, however, these can be easily seen.

The zoo allows for captive breeding of endangered animals

Zoos also have endangered creatures. The animals in zoos also breed and raise young ones. Captive breeding also helps in increasing populations of wild animals that are endangered and threatened in the wild.

In the zoo you can take a look at large carnivorous mammals like the royal Bengal tiger, lion and leopard, and smaller ones like the hyena, fox and jackal. Herbivores like the elephant, rhinoceros and hippopotamus are also kept in the zoo.

A variety of birds with colourful plumage and trademark calls and songs can be spotted in a zoo. Many kinds of reptiles are also kept in the zoo.