



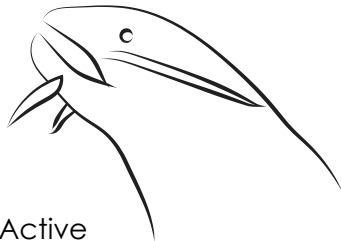
# Forest Creatures

## Common Core Standard

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## CATFISH



**Type:** Fish

**Personality:** Active

**Diet:** Carnivore. This bottom-feeder enjoys fish, frogs, and worms

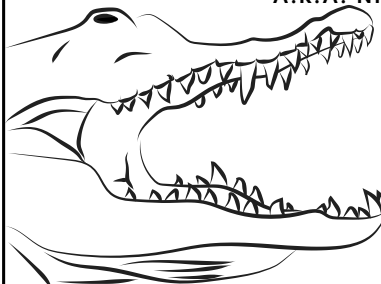
**Habitat:** Fast-flowing rivers and ponds

**Likes:** Coming up to the surface of water for big gulps of air

**Distinguishing Feature:** Flat broad head and whiskers

## CROCODILE

A.K.A. NILE CROCODILE



**Type:** Reptile

**Personality:** Strong and fast

**Size:** Over 15 feet long

**Diet:** Carnivore. Eats anything it can capture and chew with its 60 teeth

**Habitat:** Freshwater bodies

**Distinguishing Feature:** Body covered with scales

## GUINEA FOWL

A.K.A. GUINEA HEN



**Type:** Bird

**Closest Relative:** Peacock

**Personality:** Social. They live and travel in groups

**Diet:** Seeds and insects, especially worms

**Color:** Green, brown. Hides well in leaves

**Habitat:** Jungles, forests, grasslands, desert

**Found in:** Central and South Africa

**Distinguishing Features:** Bald neck and head with patches of blue and red skin.



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### LEAF WALKER

A.K.A. PRAYING MANTIS



**Type:** Insect

**Closest Relatives:** Termites, cockroaches

**Personality:** Curious. Its heads can turn 180 degrees

**Diet:** Carnivore. Enjoys wasps, flies, butterflies, and crickets

**Color:** Green, brown. Hides well in leaves

**Size:** Smaller than a teacup

**Habitat:** Warm, dry places

**Found in:** South America, Africa, New Zealand

**Distinguishing Features:** Five eyes. Triangle-shaped head

### LEOPARD



**Type:** Mammal

**Closest Relatives:** Lions, tigers, jaguars, cats

**Personality:** Loner. Likes to live alone

**Diet:** Predators. Loves Antelope

**Color:** Mostly cream with gold spotted fur

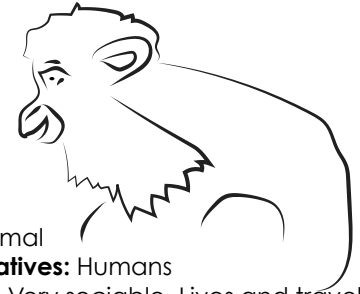
**Habitat:** Dense jungle, rocky areas, riverine forests, tree tops

**Found in:** Africa, Asia

**Distinguishing Features:** A tail as long as its entire body helps it to balance and make sharp turns quickly

### MONKEY

A.K.A. Colobus Monkey



**Type:** Mammal

**Closest Relatives:** Humans

**Personality:** Very sociable. Lives and travels in groups of as many as 50

**Diet:** Leaves, flowers, unripe fruits

**Habitat:** Humid forests

**Found in:** West Africa

**Eaten by:** Chimpanzees

**Distinguishing Features:** Has a stub instead of a thumb



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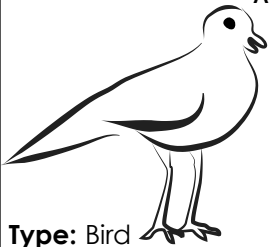
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## PLOVER BIRD

A.K.A. EGYPTIAN PLOVER



**Type:** Bird

**Personality:** Fast and friendly

**Diet:** Insects, worms, mollusks, seeds.  
Also observed pecking bits of meat from open-mouthed crocodiles!

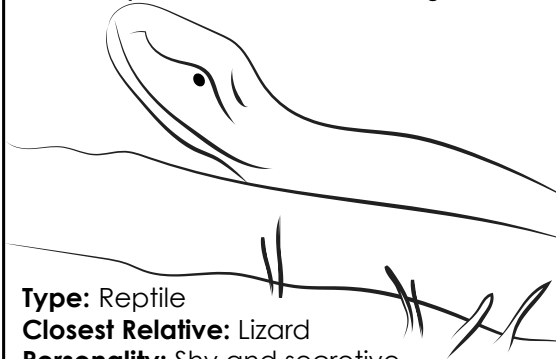
**Habitat:** Near tropical rivers

**Fear:** Waves, deep water

**Distinguishing Features:** Short, thick neck and long, pointed wings

## SNAKE

A.K.A. Belly Crawler, Common Boomslang, Tree Snake



**Type:** Reptile

**Closest Relative:** Lizard

**Personality:** Shy and secretive

**Size:** 5-6 feet long

**Diet:** Carnivore. Chameleons, lizards, frogs, birds, eggs

**Habitat:** Lives in trees

**Distinguishing Feature:** Egg-shaped head, poisonous venom

## TURTLE

A.K.A. Tortoise, Side-Necked Turtle, Mud Turtle



**Type:** Reptile

**Personality:** Curious and careful

**Size:** Up to one foot long

**Diet:** Omnivore. Eats plants, small insects and water creatures

**Habitat:** Forest and wooded areas, near water

**Distinguishing Feature:** Lives in its bony shell for up to 150 years