



POP INSIDE
JUNGLE
HOMES

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With
pop-ups
& flaps!

Understorey

Here in the Western Ghats in India, the rainy season has just passed and the forest is thriving. Trees shake out their branches, flowers show off their petals and busy creatures emerge from the undergrowth.

One layer down from the canopy, the understorey is a great place to explore this time of year. Plenty of plants provide food for herbivores, which means there's lots of opportunity for meat-eaters to track down a snack. The understorey also provides a sheltered passage for larger animals moving through the forest. Beware of the leopards!

Mysterious snails

Sliding a metre or more in the rain, the Indian snail search for moisture in a shady, overcast day. It's not a snail's house, is it?

Butterfly hunting

The Monarch butterflies are famous for their long population of butterflies. How many different kinds can you spot?

Flying frogs

In rainforests where it rains and dries, frogs live happily on or near water. They are so good at using their webbed feet like parachutes to glide down from the trees.

Cow power

With some bulls weighing over a tonne, the Indian bison is the heavyweight champion of the cattle family.

Peacock party

Peafowl roam free in the Indian jungle. The males use their fabulous tails to show off to the females.

Resting

At night, Bengal tigers go on the prowl. But lazy afternoons are the perfect time to take a nap and groom their stripy fur.

Forest floor

Watch where you're putting your feet! There are hundreds of many-legged little creatures tramping over the forest floor. This is where all sorts of organic matter ends up – that's things like rotting wood, fallen fruit and animal poo.

Together, the plants, insects and fungi that live here break it all down to feed the soil that keeps the whole of the jungle going. It's the great recycling centre of the forest!

RECYCLING CENTRE

Fallen feasts

Butterflies such as these blue morphos like a fruity, sugary snack as much as the rest of us – especially if there's no effort involved.

Fabulous flora
There's not much light on the forest floor, so it's hard for plants to survive. But ferns, heliconia and fittonia love the shade and muggy conditions.

Carry me

Forget the pushchair – mother scorpions carry their babies on their backs!

Jungle fights

There's a lot of action on the forest floor. If two male Hercules beetles clash, it can turn into quite the drama.

Fancy fungi
Fungi grow in dark, damp conditions and live off the nutrients they find around them. They come in weird and wonderful shapes and sizes.





Frog music

Booming through the jungle is the deep melodic call of the Malayan treehole frog. They sit in water-filled hollow trees and can adjust their call to 'play' the tree hole like an instrument.



Light up
Glow worms add rows of lights in the darkness. The females flash their glowing bottoms to attract a mate.



Lovestruck
Once they hatch, Atlas moths can't eat and only live for a couple of weeks. Their life's mission is to find a mate.



Night-time

The sun has set in the Sumatran jungle and the locals are getting ready for a busy night. Lots of the creatures who live here are nocturnal, which means they sleep in the daytime and wake up at night. It's a smart move, since the daytime animals are fast asleep, there's more space to move around, less risk of being eaten and less fighting over food...

All this means that night-time is fun time for the creatures who usually snooze the day away. Open the pages to enjoy the show!

WEST
FLOWER