



POP INSIDE

# JUNGLE HOMES

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With  
pop-ups  
& flaps!



## Canopy

Incredibly, rainforests like the Amazon jungle support over half of the world's plant and animal species. High up in the canopy, the trees are bursting with life.

Lots of the creatures who live here go for days or even their whole lives without ever coming down to the ground. Everywhere you look animals are going about their days, eating fruit, hunting prey or bringing up their babies. There's just so much to do!



**Layer up**  
Rainforests grow in tropical climates with the warm, wet weather. The canopy is made up of a thick layer of leaves and branches, creating a dense, green wall that blocks out much of the sun's light.



### Relax

The weather is warm and wet all year round, which means there's plenty of light, water and food to go around. In fact, it's quite the party up here!



### In disguise

Watch out for the real jaguar! Camouflaged by its spotted coat, this big cat slips through the branches at dawn and dusk.







#### Air gardens

Epiphytes, or air plants, attach themselves to other branches so they can reach up to the light. Sometimes they grow so thickly that each branch is like a miniature garden.

#### Look out below!

One of the top hunters in the Amazon is the hairy eagle. Its feathers help make it look big and fierce, and the smaller feathers on its face help it see in the dark.

#### Multi-tasking

Kingfishers use their tails like a rudder to keep them steady in the water, but they also use them to catch fish.

#### Noisy neighbours

Bright green parrots have lots to talk about. Their loud screams can be heard all over the jungle.

#### Macaws for life

These big, beautiful birds stay with their partners all their lives. They groom each other, bring up their chicks together and even share food.

#### A tangle of snakes

Coiled around branches and dripping from vines are all kinds of colourful snakes. They're lovely to look at, but beware—they are experienced hunters and hungry predators.



# Mangrove forests

In tropical regions like Borneo, land meets the sea to create a very special kind of jungle: mangrove forests. Here, a mixture of fresh and salty water moves in and out each day with the ocean's tides.

Crowded roots protect young fish from hawks while thick layers of mud provide rich pickings for hungry crabs. Animals clamber through the treetops and birds patrol the riverbank, keeping an eye out for snacks!

## Leafy meals

Fallen leaves break down in the salty water to become food for shrimp, crabs and fish. Bigger animals then feed on these tiny creatures.

## Slither

Beware the python! This fearless snake grows up to 10 metres long and hangs over the water, watching out for prey.

## En garde!

The single giant claw of the male fiddler crab is used to attract female crabs – and to fight off other males!

## Propping up

Tall, strong roots rise up above the water like stilts to support the weight of the trunk and branches in the loose, sandy soil.

## Nursery

A thick tangle of roots makes the mangrove forest a good hiding place for baby fish and shrimp. They'll be safe here until they're a bit bigger.

## Aping around

Orangutans spend their days eating fruit in the treetops. When it rains, they use leaves as hats or umbrellas!

## Up and down

Mangrove snails can tell when the tide is rising and make their way up the tree trunks to avoid it.





## Congo River

It's hot and sticky in the heart of Africa. Here, a colourful patchwork of forest, swamp and savannah is kept alive by one of the longest rivers in the world – the mighty Congo.

Because of the rainy climate, the forest around the Congo is some of the wettest in the world and the river floods at least twice a year. All that water soaks into the land like a sponge, creating enormous swamps and peat bogs. It's not the cosiest place to call home, but lots of creatures depend on the river for survival and don't mind getting a little soggy.

**Perky primates**  
Golden-bellied mangabeys have bright orange fur and dazzling white epibates, which are great for pulling faces!





**Summer escape**  
When it's cold and grey in Europe, people fly south for a holiday in the sun. Lots of birds do this and it's called migration.

**Tropical gardens**  
African forest elephants are found when they are found in, and then grow the seeds up in the sunny area by passing them out.

**Pampered**  
A lion's young cubs are fed by their mothers. They have no groups and spend lots of time growing up in the wild.

**Elephant mud bath**  
Elephants use their trunks to scoop up mud and splash it over their bodies. It helps them cool down in the hot sun.

**Painting gallery**  
You can see many beautiful spots from their paintings and their paintings are very beautiful and make you happy.

**African animals**  
Elephants are the most famous-looking, most people look at them when they see a sign of animals. They are usually called as elephants.

**Buy sale**  
To protect themselves from the sun, hippos make their own natural sunblock. It's made from their sweat. It's thick, white and a bright reddish-pink.

**Playtime**  
Groups of gorillas are led by one male, called a silverback. He can be funny, but he's usually very kind and will happily play with his young children.





## 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!

**Monarch-like snails**  
Adding to the mix of colorful wildlife found in the Indian rain forest, Monarch-like snails are a sight to see. It's not a butterfly, but it's a snail. (Nobody knows why!)

**Butterfly hunting**  
The Western Ghats are famous for their large population of butterflies. There are many different kinds, and you can spot them in the forest.

### Flying frogs

In rainforests where it's warm and damp, frogs live happily ever after. This one is using its 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

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# Forest floor

Watch where you're putting your feet! There are hundreds of many-legged little creatures traipsing 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, heliconias and fittonias love the shade and muggy conditions.

### Carry me

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

### Jungle fights

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### 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.





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## Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_





### 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 even 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!

BEST  
FLOWER





### Flying foxes

Their wings are like sails, and they have long, thin bodies. They sleep upside down, hanging from branches.

### Smelliest Flower

### Monkey

This is a howler monkey. It is the loudest animal on Earth - and one of the noisiest! It lets off a sound of wailing when it is angry.

### Don't stick around

To avoid being caught, a monkey will often make a big noise and then run away. This is called a 'warning' sound.

### Climby climb

Many animals are good climbers. They use their long tails to help them climb up trees and branches.

### Home bird

Many birds will build a nest in a tree. They lay their eggs in the nest, and then sit on them until they hatch.

### PanGola

Their main defence is simply rolling into a ball. But pangolins are also very speedy when they want to be. They run upright on their back legs, using their tail for balance.

### Midnight dip

Many animals are good swimmers. They use their fins to help them swim.