THE ALBATROSS
HAS THE LARGEST WING SPAN OF ANY BIRD AT OVER 11 FT (3.05 M)
THE WOLF
LIVES IN A "LAIR"
THE GUACHARO
USES ECHOLOCATION TO SEE IN TOTAL DARK
THE BEE
LEAVES THE HIVE WITH ROYAL JELLY
THE POLAR BEAR
THE WORLD'S LARGEST LAND CARNIVORE WITH A WEIGHT OF UP TO 1,100 LB (750 KG)
THE POSSUM
HAS A HABIT OF WASHING ITS FOOD IN WATER BEFORE EATING IT
THE KILLER WHALE
THE FASTEST SWIMMING MAMMAL WITH A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 31 MPH (50 KM/H)
THE OCEAN SUNFISH
THE WORLD'S HEAVIEST BONY OF "TRUE FISH" WEIGHING OVER 5,927 LB (2,695 KG) AVERAGE LENGTH 6 FT 6 IN (1.98 M) AND 10 IN (0.25 M) THICK
THE AMERICAN WOODCOCK
HAS WORLD'S LOWEST FLYING RING WHICH DURING COURTSHIP FLIGHTS HAS BEEN TIMED AT 400 FT (122 M) WITHOUT STALLING
THE OWL
HAS EARS ON ITS BEAK AT EYE LEVEL
THE FLAMINGO BIRD
THE ONLY BIRD WHICH CANNOT FLY BACKWARDS
RUPPEL'S VULTURE
THE HIGHEST FLYING BIRD, ONE OF WHICH WAS SUCKED INTO AN AIRCRAFT AT AN ALTITUDE OF 37,000 FT (11,277 M)
THE FERRET
FEMALES ARE CALLED "JILLS" AND MALES ARE CALLED "HOBS"
THE GIANT SALAMANDER
THE WORLD'S LARGEST AMPHIBIAN, MEASURING UP TO 5 FT 11 IN (1.8 M) LONG
THE STAR FISH
HAS BEEN AT THE END OF THE ROPE
THE DUSKY SHARK
HAS OVER TWO HUNDRED TEETH IN ITS MOUTH, AND IS KNOWN TO LIVE FOR 22 YEARS
THE OLYMPIA OYSTER
ALTERNATES SEXES ANNUALLY
THE LOCUST
THE WORLD'S MOST DESTRUCTIVE ANIMAL, EXCLUDING MAN
THE DOLPHIN
HAS A BRAIN ONE-SEVENTH THE SIZE OF MAN'S
THE KOMODO DRAGON
CAN RUN FOR SHORT DISTANCES ON ITS HIND LEGS
THE GIANT CRUSTACEAN CRAB
IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST BEETLE, THE HERCULES BEETLE OF JAMAICA, WHICH CAN GROW TO 6 INCHES (15 CM) IN LENGTH AND WEIGH 2 OUNCES (57 G)
THE GIANT PANDA
IS THE SYMBOL OF THE WORLD WILDLIFE FOUNDATION
THE ORANGUTAN
HAS A NAME MEANING "MAN OF THE FOREST"
THE ARMY ANT
HAS THE LONGEST GESTATION PERIOD OF ANY MAMMAL, AT OVER 20 MONTHS
THE SLOTH
HAS ONLY ONE FOOT
THE OWL
CAN SOMETIMES BE SEEN IN A GROUP CALLED A "PARLIAMENT"
THE BIRDS OF PARADISE
QUEEN VICTORIA'S BIRD IS BROWN
THE SPRINGBOK
LIVES IN HERDS WHICH MUST BE LARGER THAN 200 ANIMALS, WITH ONE ESTIMATED TO HAVE 20 MILLION AHEAD
THE CAPYBARA
OF SOUTH AMERICA IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST RODENT
THE MANATEE
CONFUSED TO HAVE BEEN THE INSPIRATION FOR THE LEGEND OF MERMAIDS
THE CUCKOO
PLACES ITS EGGS IN THE NESTS OF OTHER BIRDS, LEAVING THEM TO BE HATCHED AND THE YOUNG TO BE RAISED BY THE NEW PARENTS
THE HOWLING MONKEY
THE LOUDEST LAND ANIMAL AND CAN BE HEARD UP TO 3.0 MILES (5 KM) AWAY
THE AUSTRALIAN DRAGONFLY
CAN FLY AT 36 MPH (58 KM/H) FOR SHORT BURSTS, MAKING IT THE WORLD'S SPEEDIEST INSECT
THE FLY
WALKS UPSIDE DOWN BY MEANS OF A STICKY SECRETION
THE COELACANTH
HAS STRONGLY LOBED FINS WHICH IT USES TO "WALK" ACROSSWATER
THE GOLDEN EAGLE
CAN SEE A HARE FROM 2 MILES (3.2 KM) AWAY
THE LEOPARD
CAN SOMETIMES BE SEEN IN A GROUP CALLED A "LEAP"
THE KING PENGUIN
HOLDS ITS EGGS IN ITS FEET
THE FLAMINGO
HAS A BEAK WHICH IS UPSIDE-DOWN TO EAT
THE BIRD OF PARADISE
HAS THE LARGEST BRAIN RELATIVE TO BODY SIZE OF ANY ANIMAL, MEASURING UP TO 0.13 % OF BODY WEIGHT
THE BLUE WHALE
THE WORLD'S LARGEST MAMMAL MEASURING UP TO 110 FT (33.5 M) IN LENGTH
THE GREAT WHITE SHARK
HAS BEEN KNOWN TO ATTACK BOATS
THE GUINEA PIG
WAS DOMESTICATED BY THE INCAS OVER 2,000 YEARS AGO
THE SEA HORSE
MALES GIVE BIRTH
THE OCTOPUS
HAS THREE HEARTS
THE ARMADILLO
ALWAYS GIVES BIRTH TO IDENTICAL TWINS
THE MANDRILL
THE WORLD'S LARGEST MONKEY
THE AARDVARK
HAS BEEN OBSERVED TO CURL ITSELF INTO A BALL AND ROLL RAPIDLY DOWN HILLS TO AVOID DISTURBANCE
THE HUMMINGBIRD
IS THE WORLD'S SMALLEST BIRD
THE DEATH WATCH BEETLE
THE WORLD'S LARGEST BEETLE TO FEED ON WOOD
THE RHINOCEROS BEETLE
THE WORLD'S STRONGEST ANIMAL FOR ITS SIZE AND CAN SUPPORT 850 TIMES ITS OWN WEIGHT
THE LEMUR
HAS A NAME MEANING "GHOST"
THE PEACOCK
SOMETIMES SEEN IN A GROUP CALLED A "MUSTER"
THE CRAYFISH
THE WORLD'S LARGEST FRESH WATER CRUSTACEAN, GROWING UP TO 2.37 (7.5 M) LONG
THE SCARAB BEETLE
WAS REVERED BY THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS
MARION'S TORTOISE
AN ANIMAL THAT HAS BEEN KNOWN TO LIVE FOR OVER 300 YEARS
THE MUSHROOM
HAS 4 LEGS AS A LARVA AND SOME SPECIES HAVE AS MANY AS 750 LEGS
THE BAT
CAN HEAR FREQUENCIES AS HIGH AS 220 KHZ COMPARED TO ONLY 20 KHZ FOR HUMANS
THE PERIODIC CICADA
SLEEPS FOR 17 YEARS, AND IS AWAKE FOR ONLY 5 WEEKS
THE TROPICAL ORB WEAVER
HAS BEEN KNOWN TO SPIN WEBS OVER 82 FT (25 M) IN CIRCUMFERENCE
THE CASSOWARY
HAS BEEN KNOWN TO RUN UPRIGHT WITH A JUMP OF UP TO 6 FEET (WHICH WOMEN CAN'T DO) DAGGER-LIKE NAILS
THE MOOSE
THE WORLD'S LARGEST DEER, WEIGHING 6 FT (1.83 M) AT THE SHOULDER
THE JELLY FISH
HAS BEEN KNOWN TO HAVE A DIAMETER OF 7 1/2 FT (2.28M) AND TENTACLES STRETCHING 120 FT (36.6 M)
THE LLAMA
FAMILY MEMBERS INCLUDE THE GUANACO AND ALPACA
THE HOATZIN
YOUNG HAVE CLAWS ON THEIR WINGS TO ASSIST CLAMBERING IN TREES
THE THRUSH
BREAKS SNAIL SHELLS BY HAMMERING THEM WITH STONES
THE CHAMELEON
HAS EYES THAT CAN MOVE SEPARATELY
THE TROPIC BIRD
LIVES IN A WORK OF A WHITE SWAN
THE PEREGRINE FALCON
IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S FASTEST ANIMALS, AND CAN SWOOP AT UP TO 217 MPH (350 KM/H)
THE TAPIR
FEMALE ARE PREGNANT FOR 13 MONTHS AND GIVE BIRTH TO ONLY 1 YOUNG AT A TIME
THE SHRIKE
KEEPS FOOD STUCK ON THORNS AND IMPALES IT ONTO STICKS
THE EMPEROR MOTH
MALES HAVE THE MOST ACUTE SENSE OF SMELL OF ANY ANIMAL AND CAN DETECT FEMALES 6.8 MILES (11 KM) AWAY, UPWIND
THE DEEP-SEA CLAM
IS THE WORLD'S SLOWEST GROWING MOLLUSK
THE PRAIRIE DOG
BUILDS THE LARGEST COLONIES OF ANY ANIMAL, ONE OF WHICH WAS ESTIMATED TO HAVE COVERED 25,000 SQ. MILES (40,440 SQ. KM)
THE ANCHOVY
IS A DWARF HERRING
THE KOALA
HAS A DIGESTIVE SYSTEM WHICH ENABLES IT TO EAT EUCALYPTUS AND DOES NOT DRINK WATER
THE SLOTH
HAS GREEN ALGAE GROWING ON ITS HAIR TO HELP CAMOUFLAGE IT
THE SIBERIAN TIGER
MALES GROW TO OVER 10 FT (3 M) LONG AND YET CAN LEAP OVER 16 FT (5 M)
THE GIRAFFE
CAN SEE BEHIND IT WITHOUT MOVING ITS HEAD
THE MOSQUITO
HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MORE HUMAN DEATHS THAN ANY OTHER ANIMAL AFTER MAN
THE RHINOCEROS
HAS A HORN MADE OF HAIR
THE BALD EAGLE
HAS BEEN KNOWN TO CONSTRUCT NESTS OVER 9 METRE (7.9 M) WIDE AND 20 FT (6M) DEEP, WEIGHING MORE THAN 2 TONS
THE YAK
LIVES AT THE HIGHEST ALTITUDE OF ANY MAMMAL AND OCCASIONALLY CLIMBS TO 20,000 FT (6,000M)
THE ZEBRA
IS BEING SELECTIVELY BRED TO RESTORE THE EXTINCT QUAGGA
THE EUROPEAN CATFISH
WAS THE WORLD'S LARGEST FRESHWATER FISH UNTIL LENGTHS OF 5.5 FT (1.67 M) OCCURRING IN RUSSIA LAST CENTURY
THE CARPET VIPER
BITES AND KILLS MORE PEOPLE THAN ANY OTHER SNAKE
THE SPERM WHALE
CAN DIVE TO A DEPTH OF OVER 3,000 FT (1,000 M) BETWEEN BREATHS
THE STONEFISH
OF THE INDO-PACIFIC IS THE WORLD'S MOST VENOMOUS FISH
THE POLAR BEAR
HAS FUR CONSISTING OF HOLLOW TRANSPARENT TUBES
THE ANACONDA
IS THE WORLD'S HEAVIEST SNAKE AT UP TO 550 LB (250 KG)
THE SALTWATER CROCODILE
IS THE LARGEST REPTILE IN THE WORLD, WEIGHING UP TO 2,465 LB (1,154 KG)
THE SHREW
THE WORLD'S SMALLEST MAMMAL
THE BADGER
LIVES IN A "SET"
THE MORAY EEL
CAN PRODUCE AN ELECTRIC SHOCK STRONG ENOUGH TO FELL A MAN
THE KORI BUSTARD
THE WORLD'S HEAVIEST FLYING BIRD, WEIGHING OVER 42 LB (19 KG)
THE PLATYPUS
IS AN EGG LAYING MAMMAL
THE LION
SOMETIMES SEEN IN A GROUP CALLED A "PRIDE"
THE BUTTERFLY
TASTES WITH ITS BACK FEET AND HAS A COILED TONGUE
THE RED KANGAROO
CAN JUMP OVER 42 FT (12.8 M) IN A SINGLE BOUND
THE ANDEAN CONDOR
THE HEAVIEST BIRD OF PREY, WEIGHING UP TO 25.13 LB (22.5 KG)
THE BIRD EATING SPIDER
THE WORLD'S LARGEST SPIDER WITH A LEG SPAN OF UP TO 10 1/2 IN (27 CM)
THE EEL
HAS YOUNG CALLED "ELVERS"
THE SWIFT
REMAINS AIRBORNE FOR 2-3 YEARS, DURING WHICH TIME IT SLEEPS, DRINKS, EATS, AND MATES ON THE WING
THE RATTLESNAKE
FINDS PREY IN THE DARK WITH A HEAT SENSITIVE ORGAN
THE HIPPOPOTAMUS
HAS A NAME MEANING "RIVER HORSE"
THE MALLEE FOWL
BUILDS INCUBATION MOUNDS UP TO 15 FT (4.6 M) HIGH FROM 300 TONS OF MATERIAL
THE SILKWORM
LIVES ON MULBERRY LEAVES
THE CHEETAH
IS THE FASTEST LAND ANIMAL AND CAN RUN AT OVER 60 MPH (96 KM/H) FOR A SHORT BURST
THE ARCTIC TERN
MIGRATES THE FURTHEST OF ANY ANIMAL, TRAVELING 14,000 MILES (22,530 KM) EACH WAY
THE EARTHWORM
OF AFRICA CAN GROW UP TO 22 FT (6.5 M) IN LENGTH
THE KING COBRA
THE LONGEST VENOMOUS SNAKE IN THE WORLD, GROWING UP TO 18 FT 8 IN (5.7 M) LONG
THE ARCHER FISH
SHOOTS SPRAY IN A SQUIRT OF WATER
THE RETICULATED PYTHON
THE WORLD'S LONGEST SNAKE WHICH CAN GROW MEASURING 33 FT 9 IN (10 M)
THE KOMODO DRAGON
GROWS UP TO 9 FT 2 IN (2.85 M) LONG AND WEIGHS 300 LB
THE KIWI
LAYS THE LARGEST EGGS FOR ITS SIZE OF ANY BIRD
THE AMERICAN LOBSTER
IS THE WORLD'S HEAVIEST CRUSTACEAN, WEIGHING UP TO 44 LB (20 KG) AND MEASURING 3 FT 6 IN (1.06 M) LONG