

Tigers

What Do Tigers Look Like?

Tigers are mammals. They are the biggest of the big cat family. Most tigers have orange fur with black stripes. Some tigers have black or white fur with light brown stripes. The stripes help the tigers to hide from other animals when they are hunting. The markings on every tiger are different, a bit like our fingerprints.

They have long legs to help them run fast and sharp claws to catch and kill their food. They also have a very long tail.



Did You Know...?

When a tiger cub is 8 weeks old, it can go out hunting with its mother.

Where Do Tigers Live?

Tigers that live in the wild are found in Asia. Some live in the cold parts of the north, others live in the south where it is hotter. Tigers live in forests. They like to live and hunt on their own and they show other tigers where their space is by scratching marks on trees with their claws.



What Do Tigers Eat?

Tigers only eat meat. They like to hunt for food at night. They creep up on their prey and bite it with their strong, sharp teeth. Tigers eat pigs, rhinos, deer, cows and horses.



Hedgehogs



Hedgehogs can be found almost everywhere in the UK. They live in cities and towns, and can be found on railway land, parks and gardens. They do not live on mountainsides because there is not much food for them and there are not many places for them to nest.

What do they look like?

Hedgehogs are small, spiky animals. Their babies are called hoglets. Adult hedgehogs have long spines along their backs and sides, but not on their faces or legs. Some hedgehogs can have up to seven thousand spines!

What do they eat?

Hedgehogs are often called the Gardener's Friend because they eat the slugs that eat plants and cause damage to the garden. Gardeners are usually pleased to see a hedgehog.

If you want a hedgehog to visit your garden, you could leave a small saucer of cat or dog food out as they like the meat. Make sure that you leave a saucer of water out too, especially in the summer months.



No milk for hedgehogs!

Milk makes hedgehogs very poorly so don't leave it out for them.

Hedgehog Habits

Hedgehogs visit a lot of gardens. You could have as many as 10 different hedgehogs passing through your garden! They are very nosey animals, and sometimes need rescuing from getting their heads stuck in empty yoghurt pots, tins and plastic cups.

Helping a Hedgehog

There are some things you can do to keep a visiting hedgehog safe if they pass through your garden.



When a hedgehog feels scared, it will roll itself up into a ball so that its spikes will frighten off its enemies.

Slug pellets – Never use these to kill slugs. Hedgehogs eat the pellets or the dead slugs and the poison in them can kill the hedgehogs.

Garden ponds – Hedgehogs can fall into ponds and drown. Make sure your pond has sloping sides so a hedgehog can get out to safety if they fall in. You could also cover the pond with netting or chicken wire.



Hedgehogs hibernate between November and the middle of March, so be extra careful if moving piles of leaves during this time.

Nesting places – Hedgehogs nest in piles of leaves, so if you are planning to tidy the garden, be careful you don't accidentally wake a sleeping hedgehog.

hibernate – to sleep all through the cold winter months until the springtime.
slug pellets – poisonous tablets left out in the garden to kill slugs.

All About... The Fox

Foxes are members of the dog family. They are quite small animals and are just slightly bigger than most cats. Foxes live all over the UK.

Amazing Facts

- Foxes have pointy ears and have great hearing.
- Foxes can run really fast.
- Foxes sometimes catch mice just to play with them.

What do foxes eat?

- Foxes eat small animals such as birds and mice.
- They eat berries and fruit.
- Foxes eat vegetables and seeds.



Did you know?

Foxes are nocturnal. This means they move around and eat at night but sometimes they can be seen during the day. They like to sunbathe.

Where do they live?

- Foxes live in dens.
- They dig down into the earth to make their den.
- Most foxes choose to live in the countryside but some live in towns and cities.



Shark Fact File

Sharks are a type of fish but instead of having bones, their skeleton is made of cartilage. This is what your ears and the tip of your nose are made from. There are more than 500 different species of shark, including the great white shark, grey reef shark, hammerhead shark and tiger shark. Scientists believe that sharks have been in our oceans for around 455 million years. Some species of sharks prefer to live alone while others live in groups called a school or shoal.

Where do they live?

Sharks can be found in all of the Earth's five oceans: the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Arctic and Southern. Some sharks can even be found in freshwater lakes and rivers. Different species of shark live in different oceans depending on the temperature of the water. Most prefer warmer temperatures though polar sharks prefer colder water.



What do they eat?

What a shark eats depends on its species and where it lives. Most sharks are carnivores because they like to eat fish and other sharks. Some larger sharks eat dolphins, sea lions and small whales. Smaller sharks eat smaller prey such as clams, crabs and squid.

Some types of shark can be deadly, but only about 12 species have ever attacked humans. In fact, shark attacks are not very common. More people die from bee stings and natural disasters such as earthquakes and volcanoes each year than from shark attacks.

Shark Senses

Sharks have all the senses that humans have; smell, sight, touch, taste and hearing. The strongest is their sense of smell. Sharks can smell a single drop of blood in the water from 400 metres away. They can also hear fish moving from around 500 metres away. Sharks have very good eyesight and they can see in low levels of light.

Amazing Fact!

Most shark species would die if they stopped moving. As long as they keep swimming, water keeps moving over their gills, which keeps them alive.

Did You Know...?

A baby shark is called a pup.



Kangaroo

Kangaroos are mammals and marsupials that are found in Australia including Tasmania. They are also found in New Guinea.



The kangaroo has large, powerful hind legs, large feet, a long muscly tail for balance, and a small head. Male kangaroos can be seen boxing when competing for the attention of a female.

Kangaroos are social animals that live in groups called 'mobs'. They are herbivores so they eat plants, leaves and different grasses.

Kangaroos can reach a weight of 90kg, and can hop at speeds of up to 60km/h.

A male kangaroo is known as a boomer, buck, jack, or old man. The female kangaroo is known as the doe, jill, or flyer. A baby kangaroo is known as a joey. The Red Kangaroo is the largest marsupial in the world. It can leap as far as 8m and 3m high.

Did you know...?

Kangaroos cannot move backwards, and adult kangaroos can live for months without drinking anything at all.

