

The Durrell Seeker Trail

Find the colourful gorilla statue outside the Visitor Centre.

How many **birds** are painted
on the statue?

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Can you name
any of them?



Magellanic
penguin

Burrowing owl

Pink pigeon

1

Name: _____

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Giant Anteater

Head towards the giant anteater enclosure.

Wild anteaters are very hard to find, so it's difficult to learn about them.

In zoos, we can get a closer look and learn more about what they eat, how they behave and how they raise their young.

Spend some time watching our anteater. Complete the fact file below.

Hint: you may need to use the ID sign to help

Diet: Ants and termites

Size: 100-120cm long

Habitat: Forests and grasslands
(Central & South America)

Draw an anteater here.

Reptile House

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Continue along the main footpath, past the Durrell Discovery Centre, to the Reptile House.

Find these animals in the Reptile House and decide; are they a **reptile** (R) or an **amphibian** (A)?

Cuban rock
iguana

R

Mountain
chicken frog

A

Ploughshare
tortoise

R

Dumeril's
ground boa

R

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Aardvark

From the Reptile House exit, continue straight down the slope to the meerkat and aardvark house.

Aardvarks and giant anteaters share similar **adaptations** to help them eat. Can you spot any?

Complete the aardvark fact file below.

Diet: Ants and termites

Size: 105-130cm

Habitat: Grassland & savannas
(sub-Saharan Africa)

Draw an aardvark here.

Compare this fact file with the one for the giant anteater.

What's different? What's the same?

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Tropical birds

With the Reptile House behind you, follow the main path towards the bridge.

At the bridge, turn left towards the bird aviaries.

Stop!

Spend a minute listening to the sounds of nature.

What can you **hear**?

Geladas

Return to the bridge and turn left to follow the path alongside the flamingo valley till you reach the gelada enclosure.

Where are the geladas today?

Inside or Outside?



What are the geladas doing?

Count how many geladas are doing each action and write the number in the boxes below.

Eating

Sleeping

Climbing

Grooming

Sitting

Huddling
(in a close group)



Fruit bats

From the geladas, turn right and pass the flamingo boardwalk. Continue to the end of the path, then head left to lemur lake and the bat roost.

Fruit bats are **seed dispersers** which means they move seeds from one place to another.

Because they eat lots of fruit, fruit bats' poo is **full of seeds**. So when they get rid of their poo, these seeds get planted in the ground and **grow** into new plants.

Take some time to watch our bat colony.
What do they do when they need the toilet?

Turn themselves the right way up.