

iguana

Green is the perfect color to help the iguana hide among the trees of the rainforest. It uses its strong legs and long claws to climb trees. And, it changes color from green to black when it's scared. The iguana eats leaves, fruits, and flowers. Iguanas are surprisingly fast, and they have great eyesight. Iguanas have a special third eye on top of their heads.



This eye can't see, but it can sense light/dark and movement. This helps them detect predators.

poison dart frog

Poison dart frogs are small – less than 2 inches long. It eats mostly insects, and can live 4–6 years. Their bright colors warn other animals that they are poisonous to eat. They can be yellow, red, blue, green, or black. Female poison dart frogs will lay 30–40 eggs on the forest floor. When the eggs hatch, the tadpoles will wiggle onto the mother's back where they will stay until she can find a small, safe pool of water for them to grow in.



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toucan



Toucans are known for their brightly colored bills that live in groups of 5 or 6 birds. They live in abandoned holes in trees that are often made by other birds. Toucans are known for their brightly colored bills. Their bills can be half the length of the bird's body. Toucans eat fruit, insects, birds' eggs, tree frogs, lizards, and fish. They aren't good fliers and travel by hopping from tree to tree. There are about 40 different species of toucans.

macaw



Macaws are the largest parrots in the world. The scarlet macaw can be as long as 33 inches from tail to beak. Macaws lay up to two eggs each year. They eat nuts, leaves, berries and seeds. Their strong beaks are perfect for breaking nuts and seeds. Macaws can eat poisonous fruits that other animals can't eat. This may be due to the large amount of clay they eat each day which may neutralize the plant poisons.

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jaguar

Jaguars are the third largest of all cats, and they are the largest cat in both North and South America. Females can have 1-4 babies, and the kittens live with her for a few years before going off on their own. Jaguars often live near water and are excellent swimmers. They are carnivores (meat eaters), and their jaws are strong enough to break open a turtle's shell.



anteater

Some anteaters live in trees, but most of them live on the forest floor. All of them eat ants and other insects. Anteaters can't see well so they have to rely on their sense of smell to find food. They don't move very quickly, but they are excellent swimmers. Anteaters have long tongues they use to gather lots of insects at one time. They can eat up to 35,000 ants and termites in one day! Sometimes, they'll use their long claws to break open an anthill in order to find their food.



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red eyed tree frog

Red-eyed tree frogs live in the canopy layer of the rainforest. They grow to be about 3 inches long. They eat bugs and sometimes even other frogs. Even though his eyes are red, his eyelids are green so that when he sleeps his eyes blend in with the rest of his body and his surroundings. They have pads on the bottoms of their feet that act like suction cups to help them cling to the underside of leaves and branches.



leaf-cutter ant

Leaf-cutter ants live underground. Their colonies have millions of ants in them. Each ant in the colony has a special job. Foragers cut the leaves and bring them back to the colony. Gardeners use the leaves to make a fungus the ants can digest. Defenders protect the colony from other ants. Leaf-cutter ants are only a half-inch long.



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