

This resource is for use in the Energy for Life Tropical House. The aim is to encourage the children to slow down and look for the animals (which can be very well hidden!) Where we have more than one individual it also gives the children the opportunity to practise their counting skills. The children look and count whilst the adult records the results. There are plants and structures included to guarantee that some things can always be seen! There is a scoring system based on how easy it to spot things on an average visit. The scores can be totalled and compared between your different groups for maths work back at school.

The resource links with several of the Early Learning Goals, particularly The World and Numbers.



(Animal numbers can change – the number of tick boxes are just a general guide)

Teachers' guidance



Rosy periwinkle Look to the right as you enter.



Bird houses Look to the right as you enter.



Sloth Look to the left as you enter.



Sprayer Look up.



Monkey Island
The monkeys (pygmy marmosets) are small – try looking for movement of the leaves to help locate them.



Chevrotain
Forest floor. These deer are very small – only about 30cm to their shoulders.



Leaning tree
Just near aquarium viewing windows.



Sclater's crowned pigeon Usually on forest floor, sometimes on path.



TortoiseForest floor.



Tiger barb

In aquarium. Viewing windows on lower level.

Scissor tail Tail fins open and close like scissors.



Frogs
At the bottom of the waterfall on the left just before leaving main rainforest area. Very small - look for movement!



Ants. Can be seen in the darkened Science Gallery but may be better to carry on through doors to view through the 'flooded forest' window.



Crocodile monitor lizard

In the last room before leaving the building. Not always easy to see. Tends to like the rock ledges on the back wall or on left hand wall.

In the Science Gallery

The journey from the main rainforest area to the ants and crocodile monitor and on to the exit, takes you through the Science Gallery.

This area has quite low light levels and several large screens. The first screen on the left is a popular one as it has cameras to show the heat being given off by our bodies. The next one along shows the poo from various different species and the last on the left is the nest area for the ants.



I-spy in the Rainforest

Rosy periwinkle



1 point

Bird houses



1 point

Sloth



Sprayer



7 points 1 point

Monkey Island - Pygmy marmoset





How many monkeys can you see?

Sclater's crowned pigeon



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Chevrotain



Tortoise



Score 1 point for each tortoise you see

10 points for 6	each chevrotain you see

Scissor tail

Tiger barb





4 points

1 point

Leaning tree

Yellow throated stream frog





1 point

10 points





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10 points

1 extra point for an ant carrying a leaf

Did you spot any other animals when you were exploring the Tropical House?

Write down any other animals you see.

What sounds did you hear whilst you were in the Tropical House?

Did you hear the waterfall? Did you hear the frogs? Did you hear any birds?

Write down any of the sounds that you heard.