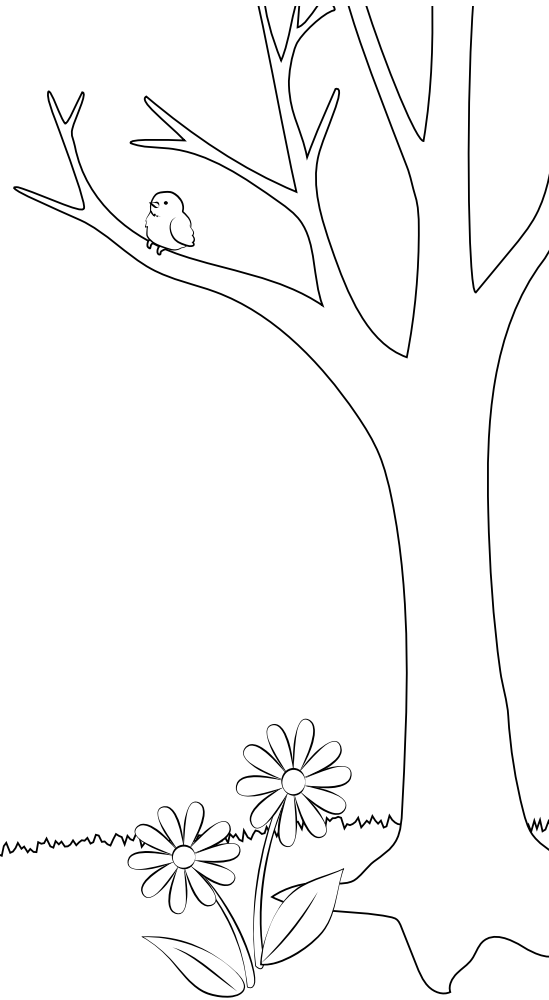


A GARDEN FOR BIRDS, BEES, AND BUTTERFLIES

Instructions: Help welcome birds, bees, and butterflies to this garden by adding bright colors, plants, or even a bird house or nest. Visit the Zoo or a local nature center to find out how to make your backyard friendly for nature play and for local wildlife!

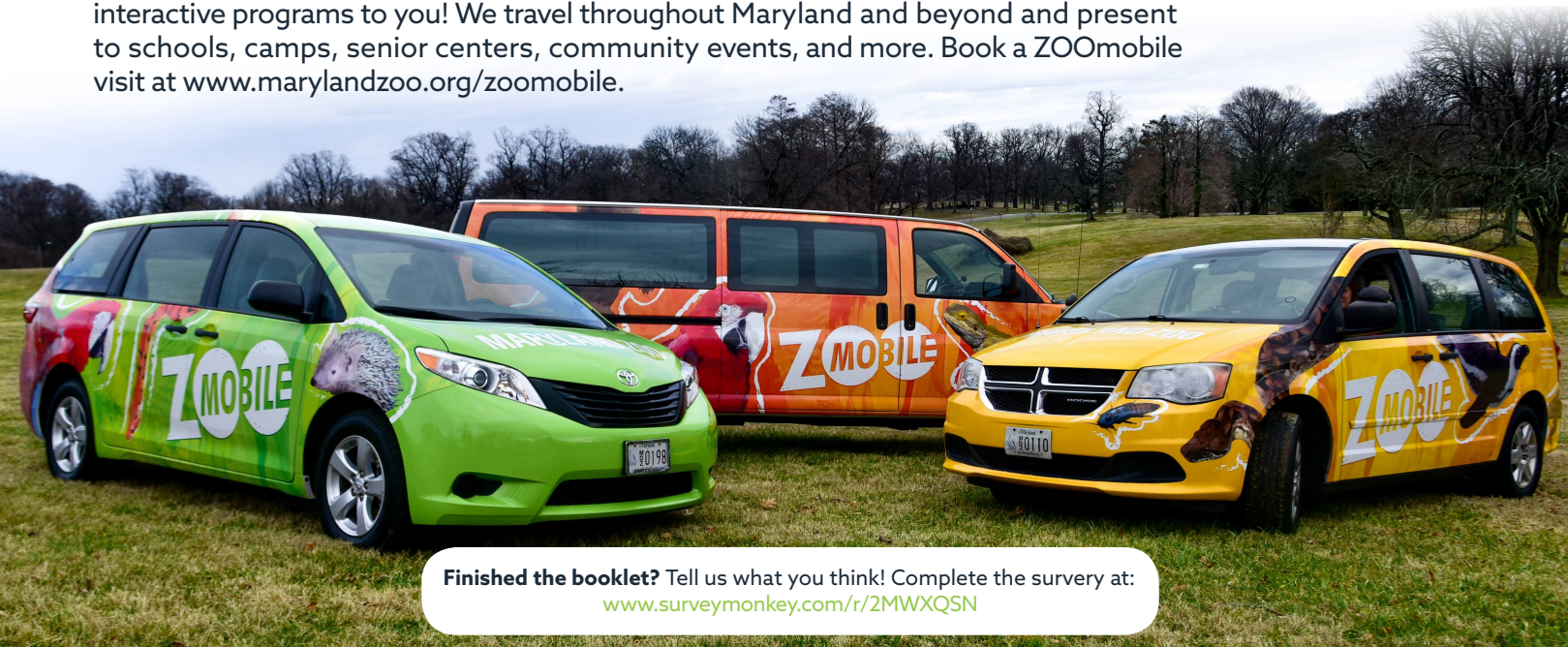
NATURE PLAY CHALLENGE

Animals use natural materials to build their homes. Work together to build a nest, home or fort.



ZOOMOBILE PROGRAMS

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B'MORE NATURAL

NATURE PLAY ACTIVITY GUIDE

Thanks for spending some time learning about Nature Play with the Zoo today. We had a great time and hope you did too! Inside this booklet are activities for the whole family to continue to engage in nature play.

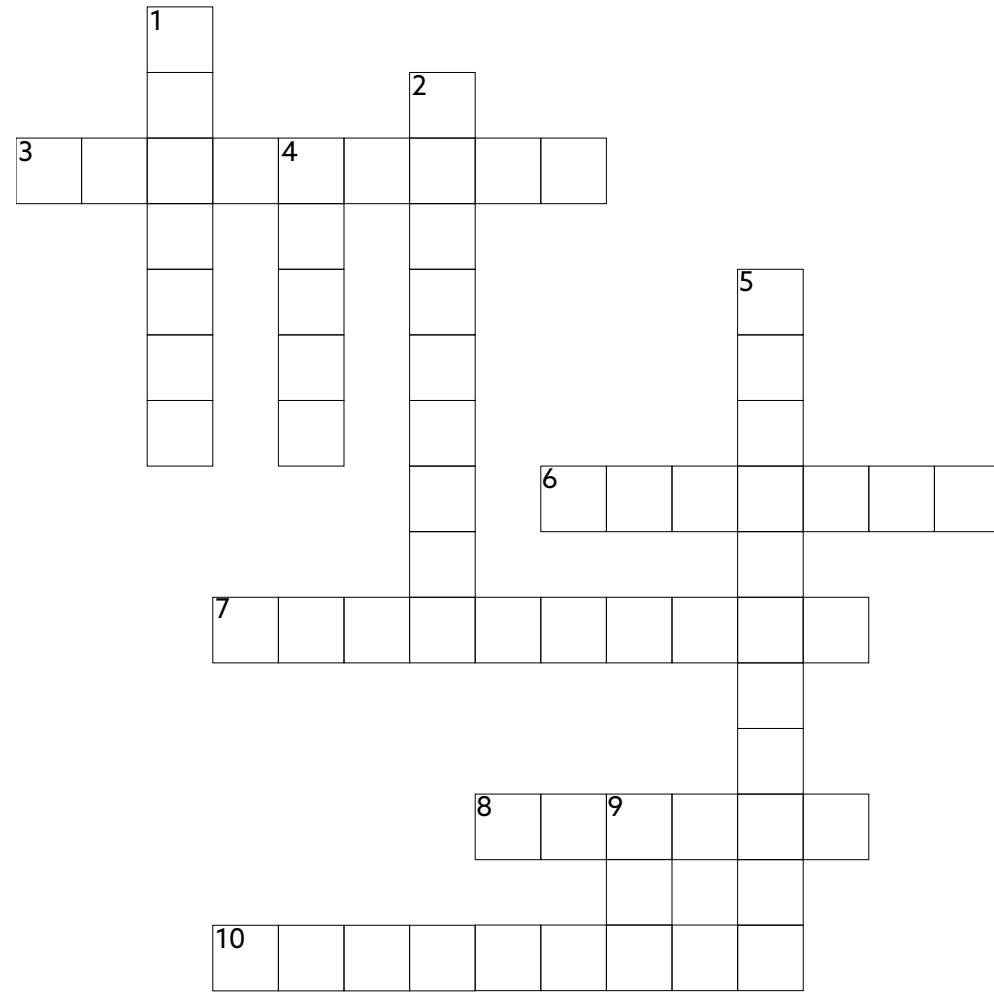
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MARYLAND ZOO

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Instructions: Work together to fill in the crossword puzzle to show what you know about animals in Maryland. Come visit the Zoo to see these animals and more in The Maryland Wilderness!



Word Bank

BALD EAGLE
BARN OWL
BAT
BOBCAT
BOX TURTLE
CORN SNAKE
RATTLESNAKE
RIVER OTTER
SKUNK
VULTURE

Across

3. This scaly animal uses a forked tongue to smell mice in a field.
6. This bald-headed bird eats other animals' leftovers.
7. This animal has thick fur to stay warm in the water.
8. This animal is a quiet and stealthy hunter with large paws to grab prey.
10. This animal can clamp its shell completely shut to stay safe.

Down

1. This animal has large eyes to see mice in the dark.
2. This animal has strong talons to catch fish.
4. This animal has black and white markings to warn animals to stay away.
5. This animal shakes its tail to warn animals to stay away.
9. This nocturnal hunter uses echolocation to catch mosquitoes.

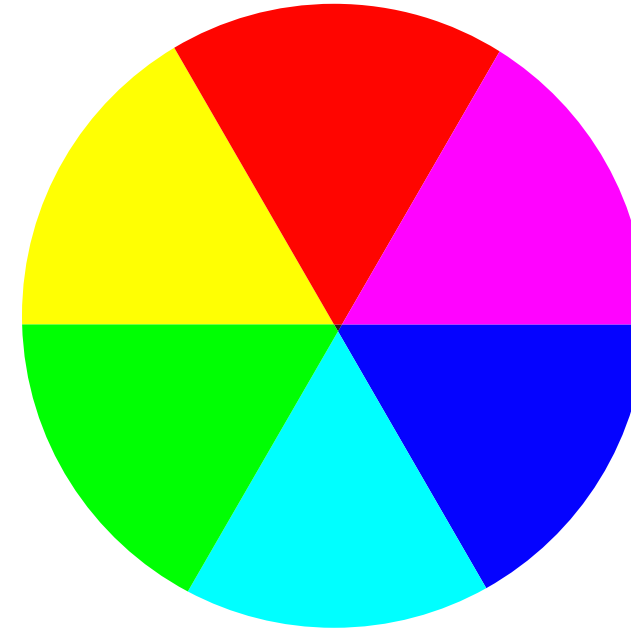
Across 3. corn snake 6. bald eagle 7. river otter 8. rattlesnake 9. bat
Down 1. barn owl 2. box turtle 3. bobcat 4. skunk 5. vulture 10. box turtle

NATURE PLAY CHALLENGE

Sit outside and listen and watch for birds. How many birds do you see? What sounds do they make? Can you imitate the sounds the birds make?

SCAVENGER HUNT

Instructions: Take your little ones on a walk through your local park (or even your own backyard!) and help them find natural items that match the colors below.



Can't find everything to complete your scavenger hunt?

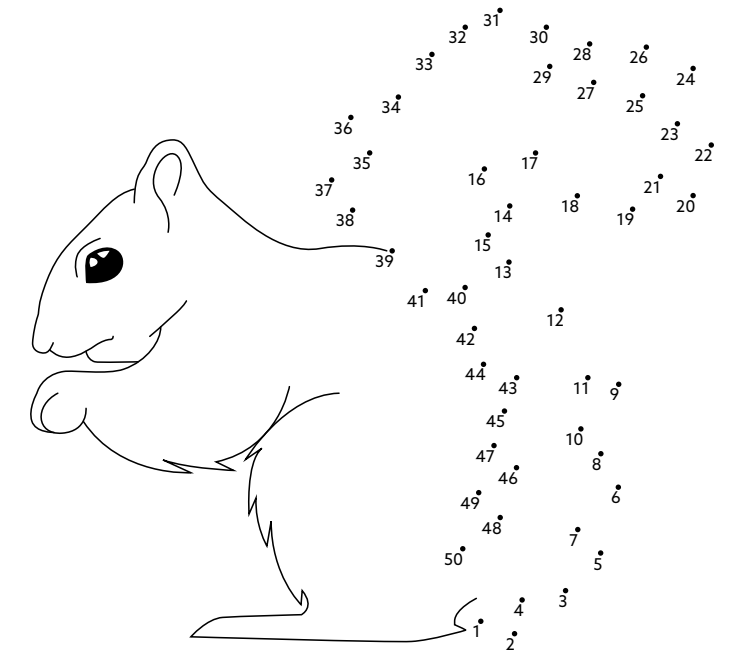
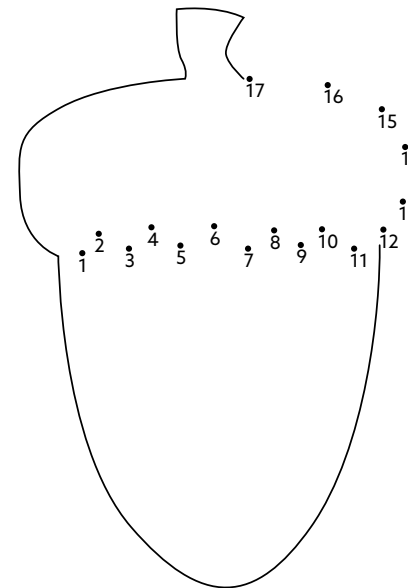
Visit the Zoo or our conservation partner, Adkins Arboretum (www.adkinsarboretum.org/)!

NATURE PLAY CHALLENGE

Try to find natural items of different shapes, including circles, triangles, rectangles, etc. How many shapes can you find?

CONNECT THE DOTS

Instructions: Work together to connect the dots to practice drawing lines and find out what Maryland native animal is revealed.



NATURE PLAY CHALLENGE

Go outside and collect as many seeds and nuts as you can find! How many did you find? Are they all the same?

Tip: Next time you visit the Zoo, try Geocaching! To find out more, visit: www.marylandzoo.org/geocaching