



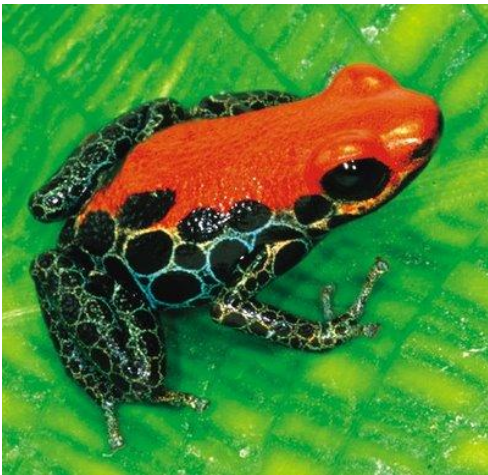
ANDEAN CONDOR

LIFESPAN: about 50 years

HABITAT: Grassland and mountains

FACT: A condor uses its outstanding eyesight to spot food from a great height.

THAT'S AMAZING: Young condors can fly when they are six months old, but they stay and hunt with their parents until they are about 1 1/2 yrs old.



POISON ARROW FROG

LIFESPAN: 5-12 years

HABITAT: Tropical rainforests

FACT: Bright colors are warning signs. It warns other animals that it is poisonous to eat. One drop could kill a monkey.

THAT'S AMAZING: Local people used to put frog poison on the tips of their hunting arrows. That's how the frogs got their names.



ARMY ANT

LIFESPAN: Several months (worker) and years (Queens)

HABITAT: Tropical rainforests

FACT: When they are not marching, they live in nests on the ground.

THAT'S AMAZING: Army ants sometimes raid people's homes. But tis can be useful because the ants eat up the insect pests.



ANACONDA

LIFESPAN: 10 - 30 years

HABITAT: Rivers and swamps

FACT: They swallow their prey whole.

THAT'S AMAZING: It takes several weeks for anacondas to digest a big meal. After a big meal it may not need to eat again for several months.



HOWLER MONKEY

LIFESPAN: 15 - 20 years

HABITAT: Tropical rainforests

FACT: They feed on leaves, fruits and flowers in the treetops.

THAT'S AMAZING: Howler monkeys have long, strong tails which they use to grip on the tree branches as they are feeding.



MARINE IGUANA

LIFESPAN: 5 -12 years

HABITAT: Rocky coasts

FACT: When feeding, marine iguanas can stay underwater for up to an hour and a half.

THAT'S AMAZING: Marine iguanas often sneeze to get rid of salt from their noses. They take in salty sea water as they feed, and too much salt in their bodies can kill them.



JAGUAR

LIFESPAN: About 12 years

HABITAT: Tropical rainforests and swamps

FACT: Its powerful legs are good for climbing forest trees.

THAT'S AMAZING: Jaguars do not roar like lions and tigers. They grunt when they are hunting, and they can also growl.



GIANT ANTEATER

LIFESPAN: Up to 26 years

HABITAT: Grasslands, woodlands, tropical rainforests, swamps

FACT: An anteater mainly uses smell to find its prey.

THAT'S AMAZING: An anteater can flick its tongue in and out as many as 150 times a minute.



PIRANHA

HABITAT: Slow moving rivers and streams

FACT: Piranha's teeth is triangular and sit close together on its mouth. At dusk and dawn large shoals of piranhas gather to wait for prey.

THAT'S AMAZING: Some kind of piranhas are vegetarians. They use their sharp teeth to crack nuts which fall in the water.

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