

Mississippi Museum of Natural Science

(Indoor Exhibit Scavenger Hunt)

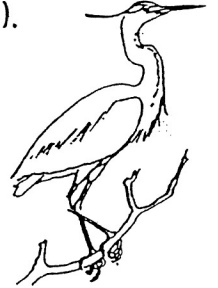
Welcome to the Natural Science Museum! We hope that you will enjoy your visit, and will learn about Mississippi's natural communities. When you are answering the following questions, **please do not use the aquariums to write on.** Instead use the walls and wooden seals to prop on. Good Luck!

Name(s): _____

1. Name **2** of your favorite animals that are **extinct** (no longer living).

_____ & _____

Give a reason why animals have gone extinct?



2. What is our **state fossil**? _____

what type of animal was it? _____

3. Name **2** animals that lived in Mississippi during the Pleistocene Epoch?

_____ & _____

4. What does **endangered** mean? _____

Name your favorite MS endangered animal _____

5. What is a **raptor**? _____

Name 3: _____, _____ & _____

Can you find these animals in the **Horn Island** exhibit?

___ Black Skimmer– These birds fly low over the surface of the water, and skim the water with their lower beak. Look for their bright orange and black beak.

___ Laughing Gulls– This is the largest and darkest of the black-headed gulls. It's call is a variety of low chuckles.

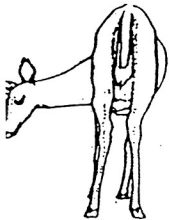
___ Blue Crab– These are easy to determine by their blue color

___ Ghost Crab

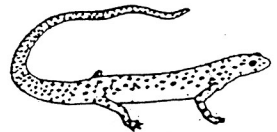
___ Diamondback Terrapin

___ Raccoon

___ Swamp Rabbit



6. Name **2** amphibians of Mississippi: _____ & _____



7. Where can you find a southern flounder and striped burrfish?
(It's the name of the exhibit). _____



8. Name **3** fish that lived in the Mississippi River **before** the dinosaur period?

_____, _____ & _____

Find these animals in the **Bottomland Hardwood Forest** display:

- Skunk
- Cecropia Moth– This large moth is brown with orange and white stripes on its wings.
- Prothonotary Warbler– The bird is distinguished by its golden head and plain blue-gray wings
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Ivory-billed Woodpecker– Now thought to be extinct. It can be distinguished from the Pileated Woodpecker by the white patches on its wings.
- Viceroy– This showy orange butterfly mimics a Monarch
- Black Bear
- Copperhead– this snake is well camouflaged



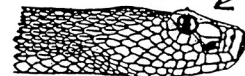
9. What was the **largest** fish in the Pearl River tank? _____

10. Circle the **non-venomous** snake head.

Round Pupil



Elliptical Pupil



11. Name a tree found here in MS and then **draw** it's leaf. _____

12. Name the **bird** that is the size of a robin and all black except the top of it's wing is red with a yellow stripe. _____

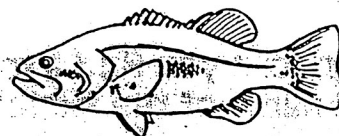
13. What animals have the following **adaptations** to survive?

Protective coloring: _____

Armor or Shells: _____

14. What was the **most** interesting thing you learned at the Museum that you didn't know? _____

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