It is our mission to be the taproot source for positive, accurate and inspiring information in regards to the animal kingdom and their interaction with humanity .... to be a voice for the animals



Mission ...

If you believe, as we do, in the value of providing positive information regarding the animal kingdom and would like to assist in funding programs and projects, currently in design, your TAX DEDUCTIBLE donations can be mailed to:

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John Denver / Joe Henry

"... As man with all his intellect, his reason and his choice, oh who's to say the nightingale has any less a voice."

#### Match the critter in column A with it's correct group name in column B Α в Alligators Troop Apes Mischief Bats Charm **Butterflies** Kettle Caterpillars Aerie Cloud Coyotes Eagles Congregation Elk Nest Flamingos Murder Hawks in flight Unkindness Hornets Band Herd Hummingbirds Lions Warren Magpies Hover Mice Flamboyance Monkey Clutter Owls Pod Rabbits Pride Ravens Pack Spiders Army **S**quirrels Shrewdness Trout Flutter Whales Parliament Wolves Scurry

Who's Who?

See our Facebook page for the answers!





Addressing the many myths and misconceptions concerning the animal kingdom. Promoting respect and conservation through education

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## Gurus believe:

- In educating others about all creatures
- Everything on earth deserves respect
- That positive actions yield positive outcomes!

Do YOU want to be a guru too? When you hear someone saying something negative and myth oriented ...

#### SPEAK UP for the CRITTERS!

Jane Goodall "The least | can do is speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves."

#### Animals to Google!

- Olinguito
- Saiga
- Okapi
- Narwhal
- Markhor
- Tarsier
- Margay
- Gaur

#### Gobi Jerboa

- Gerenuk
- Pangolin
- Araripe Manakin Vaquita
- Red Panda
- Komondor
  - Axolotl

# Charles Lindbergh

"| realize that if | had to choose,

I would rather have

birds than airplanes."

#### DO try this at home!!

Find a long, naturally shed stick. Pick a quiet spot out in nature. Sit as long as you can and see if you can be quiet



enough to get a bird to come land on the stick ... or a deer to come near by ... who knows what you might see! The longer you sit and the quieter you can be, the more you will be welcomed by nature as one of it's own. (As we all are!)

### Marc Bekoff

"Although other animals may be different from us, this does not make them [ E.S.S than us."

# Did You Know?

Less than 5% of the 20,000 bee species make honey



- Without bees, crops would be scarce, to say the least!
- Most native bees are solitary and do not live in hives at all but rather in nests in the ground

For the NATIVE BEES Sake ...

- Plant flowering plants that will bloom at different times Ι. so they have a constant food supply
- 2. Some native bees build nests in the ground. Have some vegetation free areas for them
- 3. Buy locally grown ORGANIC products. Pesticides are **DEADLY** to bees!
- Use organic fertilizers and herbicides in your own yard 4.
- Bees love clover .... Save those beautiful flowers for 5. them!

#### What's the Fraud?

## Elephants never forget?

## TRUE

There is a story of 2 elephants introduced to each other in 1999 .... Each became obviously excited to see each other. How could that be? It turns out that they had been in a circus together ... 23 years prior!

When you stop to think about it ... a good memory is essential to life in the wild... remembering watering holes and such!

#### Parents abandon baby birds touched by people? FALSE

Actually, many birds have a relatively limited sense of smell. What can possibly keep parents away is a disturbance to the nest. The best advice, when coming upon a baby

bird away from it's parents, is to wait and watch. More than likely the parents are very near by, doing what all parents do!

Bears are carnivores?

FALSE

They are omnivores, eating a wide variety of berries, plants, meat and fish. And no. humans are not on



the menu! Bears tend to avoid people and attacks are

few. Try not to surprise them or get in the way of moms and babies!

Owls can turn their heads

360 degrees?

FALSE



As Kin Quitugua, HawkQuest's

Master Falconer likes to say "yes, but only once!" Owls, unlike humans, have fixed eye sockets which requires them to turn their heads to follow an object. Their neck, however, pivot on one socket and allows their heads to turn about 270 degrees without any harm to them!

