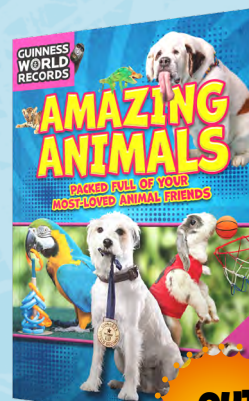


# AMAZING ANIMALS

Below are just some examples of the amazing features that animals have. There are lots more interesting facts in the *Guinness World Records: Amazing Animals* book. Read through the facts independently, in pairs, or as a class.



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## ELEPHANT

### RECORD:

largest land mammal and heaviest nose

### FAST FACT:

An African elephant's trunk is also the most muscular nose. As well as using it to smell, elephants also use their nose as a tool for eating and lifting objects.



## PEREGRINE FALCON

### RECORD:

best vision for a bird and fastest dive by a bird

### FAST FACT:

Because of its amazing vision, the peregrine falcon can spot its dinner from 8 km away! Once in its sights, the victim – usually a bird such as a pigeon – stands little chance. Peregrine falcons are able to travel at 299 kph in free fall.



## SCARAB BEETLE

### RECORD:

strongest insects

### FAST FACT:

The scarab family of beetles – which also includes goliath and rhinoceros beetles – can carry as much as 850 times their own weight and pull as much as 1,141 times their own weight!



## ORANG-UTAN

### RECORD:

largest arboreal (tree-dwelling) mammals

### FAST FACT:

Although male orang-utans prefer to sleep on the ground like gorillas do, the females and their young often create nests in the tree tops. They weigh around 37 kg.



## WHALE SHARK

### RECORD:

largest fish and heaviest fish

### FAST FACT:

The largest whale shark found to date measured 12.65 m. The same specimen weighed 21.5 tonnes – the same as three *T. rex* dinosaurs!



## POLAR BEAR

### RECORD:

largest bear

### FAST FACT:

A polar bear's fur is not actually white – it's transparent. This allows more sunlight to be absorbed by its black skin, which is very useful when trying to stay warm in a climate like the Arctic.



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