

MONARTO
ZOO



BUS TOUR ACTIVITIES SECONDARY



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For the Teacher

General Information

Welcome to Monarto Zoo!

Monarto Zoo is a fantastic educational resource. It is a 1450 hectare open range zoo located on former farming land. Large tracts of remnant mallee scrub exist in the areas between animal enclosures, and this natural scrub is being extended annually through an on-going revegetation program which involves many community and school groups. A huge variety of native fauna roams freely in the scrub areas.

Monarto Zoo is involved in many animal conservation programs and these include both native and exotic species, with a heavy focus on threatened species from desert and arid habitats.

Experiencing Monarto Zoo and learning about animals, ecosystems and conservation can be undertaken via

- Observing and handling the huge range of prepared skins, bones and other animal biofacts at the Visitor Centre.
- A safari bus tour of animal enclosures with a commentary provided by a trained host (for groups of 22 or more students in your own bus),
- Walking through the mallee scrub on signposted tracks,
- Taking as much time as you want to observe animals from viewing platforms around the Visitor Centre and at “Bus Stops”.

The Activity in this resource relates only to the Safari Bus Tour. Students are encouraged to listen carefully to the trained volunteer guide, and to use good observation skills during the bus tour, rather than having their heads down, writing. This quiz should be done at the completion of the tour and will involve some discussion to select suitable species for each category.

In planning this excursion, please consider your schedule and how you would like to arrange the class' activities on the day. Discuss this with the Education Officer at the time of booking your visit.

Estimated time to complete the full Safari Bus Tour Activities: 10 minutes at the end of the 1¼ hour tour.

Key:



Observe carefully



Discuss and share ideas with your group



Write down your thoughts



Did you know?

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2.5 km

Alfred James
Memorial




J10	Addax		M11	Giraffe	
R4	African Lion		K13	Indian Antelope	
R2	African Painted Dog		E11	Meerkat	
K11	Barbary Sheep		J14	Mesopotamian Fallow Deer	
D17	Bison		G11	Ostrich	
H14	Black Rhinoceros		E13	Przewalski's Horse	
K13	Bongo		H11	Scimitar-horned Oryx	
L5	Cheetah		Q3	Spotted Hyaena	
G12	Chimpanzee		M6	White Rhinoceros	
J13	Chital Deer		F12	Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby	
N9	Eland		I14	Zebra	

Legend


- Lookout
- Bus Stop
- Car Park
- Toilets
- First Aid
- Cafe
- Zu-loop route
- Walking Tracks
- Creek

Monarto Zoo is smoke free.


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 Observe the animals carefully as you listen to the Tour Host's commentary during the bus tour.

Complete this page **at the end of the tour**.

 Name **one** animal species which fits each of the statements below:

(There is more than one correct answer for most statements.)

 This species is the fastest land animal on Earth _____

This species protects itself from predators with a powerful kick _____

This is the only cat species that lives in mixed gender groups in the wild _____

This species' natural habitat is a **cold** desert _____

This species develops a very thick, insulating winter coat. _____

It is very difficult to distinguish males and females of this species by looking at their external genitals. _____

The horns on this species are made entirely of keratin, like compressed hair, rather than bone. _____

This species uses camouflage to hide from predators/prey _____

This species displays "sexual dimorphism" - where the bodies of mature males and females look quite different. _____

The conservation status of this species is "Extinct in the Wild" _____

This species uses its heavy horns to help it to balance when climbing steep hillsides _____

This species has only 2 toes per foot _____

This species does not need to drink water during its lifetime. _____

This species has a light coloured coat to help it keep cool _____

This species is very susceptible to cat diseases _____

This species has an upright mane on the back of its neck _____

This species normally lives and hunts its prey in a group _____

