

Animals Near and Far



Hello! We are the 1st grade students in Mrs. Guerrero's class. We have been using this hyperdoc to learn about animals local to us. We live in southern California. California is a large state on the west coast of the United States of America. In this hyperdoc, you will find a link embedded in every picture. (For example, the link in the picture above will take you back to the Animals from End to End 2 blog)

Would you please tell us what is your favorite animal which is local to you in this quick Google form?

(Hint: You will find the link by clicking on the title of the form below)

When you're finished, you will be able to see everyone's answers!

My favorite local animal

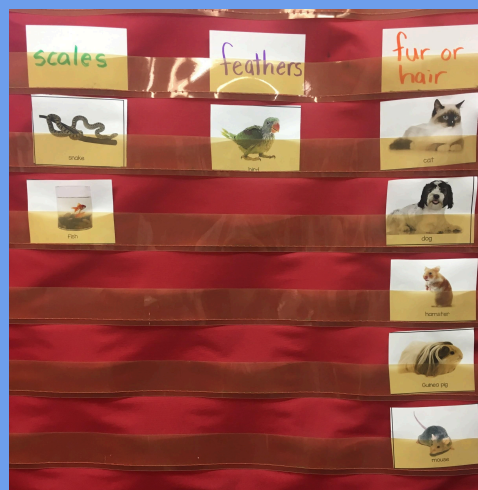
We have enjoyed learning about the animals near you, and we are excited to share what we have learned. By the way, we have also learned that some animals near us are similar to those near some of you!

We started by learning about **camouflage**. We learned about many animals around the world and how they use camouflage to hide from their predators, from their prey, or both. The link in the picture below will take you to a website where you can try to see animals that are camouflaged in their habitat.



We also learned that animals can be grouped by their body coverings, or how they have their babies (live babies or lay eggs). We learned about some animal groups called **mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, and insects**.

(The link in the picture below will take you to a read aloud of: Gilbert Goldfish wants a pet)



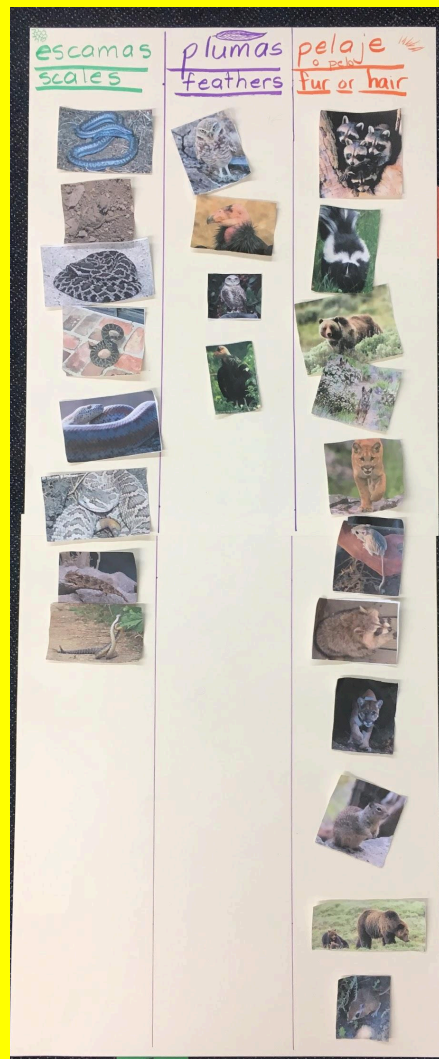
Did you like the story?
Which pet would you like to have?
Please use the link below to share what pet you wish you could have and why.

The Pet I Wish I Had

The link in this picture will take you to a youtube video to practice spelling:

fur, scales, feathers, wings, tail

Can you write a sentence about your favorite animal with one of those words?



In the picture below there is a link to a youtube video of the read aloud:

Chickens Aren't the Only Ones.

Do you know which animals lay eggs?



Did you watch the story?

The link below will take you to a place where you can share what you learned or liked about

“Chickens Aren't the Only Ones”



We live in a city. Urban areas do not have as many native animals. Here, we have pets, and a few animals that coexist with humans in our habitat. Some animals that are local to us are **opossums, raccoons, and squirrels**. In the hills nearby there are coyotes and even **mountain lions (or pumas)** that wander into neighborhoods sometimes because people's homes are taking over their habitats.

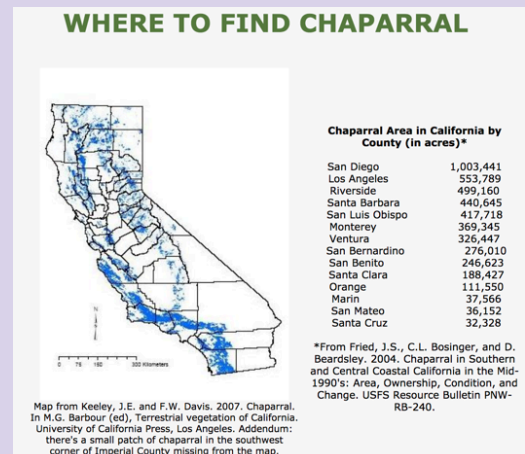
In each of the pictures below,
you can find a link to a video of wild animals
trying to make the best of living with human neighbors.



In California there are many different biomes. In each biome there are many ecosystems of different plants and animals living together. In southern California, we live near **the temperate forest, the desert, the chaparral and the ocean**, however we live in a city. We wanted to learn about some animals in the wild nearby. For that reason we studied some of the plants and animals that live in the chaparral.

In the picture of North America (on the left) the chaparral is in bright red.

If you click on this colorful map, you will go to a page where you can see the whole world, and find the biomes where you live. Try it!



The map of California on the right shows areas with chaparral.

The link in this map will take you to its page where, if you scroll down that page, you can find different examples of the chaparral in California.

Click on the flag below to go to a very short video about the **grizzly bear**, the **chaparral**, and the **California flag**.



We also learned about the **condor**, **burrowing owl**, **horned lizard**, **the kangaroo rat**, **the rosy boa**, **and the rattlesnake**. You will find a link in each picture that will take you to a close read with more information about that animal. There is more information in each of those close reads, and each picture in the close reads has a link to a website or a video.

The California Condor almost became completely extinct.

You can find a close read about it if you click on the standing California condor below.



Burrowing Owls



Horned Lizard



Merriam's Kangaroo Rat



Rosy Boa



Southern Pacific Rattlesnake



Adult found on a doorstep in Orange County. © Jay Selman

Our Favorite Local Animal

Please click on the link in the picture below to see our FlipGrid responses to which local animal is each student's favorite, and please also tell us about a favorite local animal of yours!

