

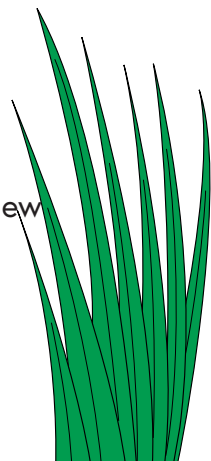


**DID YOU
KNOW THAT
ECUADOR HAS
THE MOST
BIODIVERSITY
PER SQUARE
KILOMETRE
OF ANY
NATION!?**

Ecuador is one of 17 countries in the world which are considered megadiverse. The term megadiverse refers to a group of countries that are home to the majority of the earth's species and are considered extremely biodiverse. All of these megadiverse countries are located in (at least partially) tropical or subtropical regions.

The countries that are considered megadiverse are: Australia, Brazil, China, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, U.S.A and Venezuela!

Because of this amazing biodiverse environment, Ecuador is home to many weird and wonderful animals.





WEIRD AND WONDERFUL ANIMALS OF ECUADOR GAME

These include manatees, the Potoo, the Spectacled Bear, sloth, the Galapagos tortoise, Amazon river dolphins, Anaconda, and a diverse range of monkey species including the howler, spider, woolly, titi, capuchin, squirrel, tamarins and marmosets! Ecuador is also home to over 4,000 different species of butterfly!! The national animal is the Andean Condor.

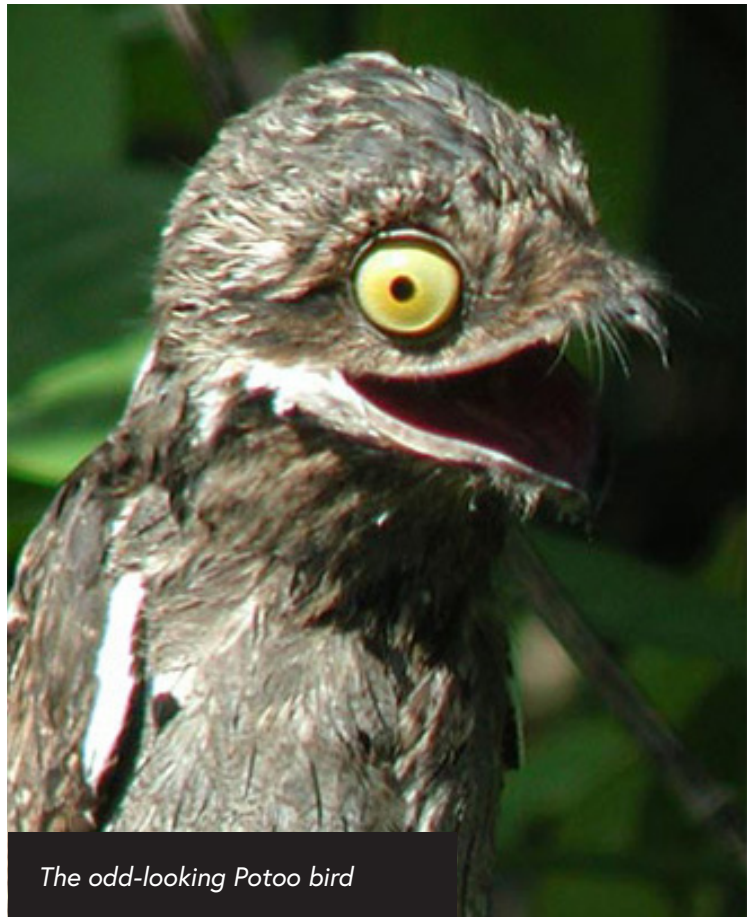
This activity is to play a fun game to create your own weird and wonderful animal.

YOU WILL NEED

- a copy of the printable
- a coin
- a piece of paper
- pencils or pens for drawing

INSTRUCTIONS

To play, take your coin and toss it. Work your way through the questions, tossing the coin each time, and drawing the appropriate answer. When you have finished drawing your animal, take the time to colour it in and name it. Maybe you can make up a story for your weird and wonderful animal!!



The odd-looking Potoo bird

BODY PART	HEADS	TAILS
BODY OF A ...	BIRD	CROCODILE
HEAD OF A ...	LION	SLOTH
NOSE OF A ...	TOUCAN	ANTEATER
NUMBER OF LEGS	TWO	FOUR
WINGS	YES	NO
FEET OF A ...	ANTELOPE	OSTRICH
TAIL	YES	NO
COVERED WITH ...	FEATHERS	SCALES
CAMOUFLAGE	STRIPES	SPOTS
EYES ARE ...	BIG	SMALL
EARS ARE ...	POINTY	ROUNDED

