MEET THEM AT PLUMPTON PARK ZOO

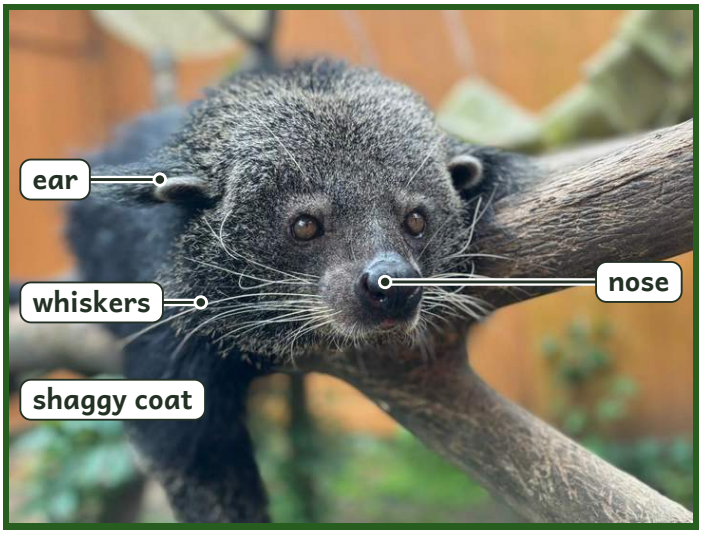
BINTURONG

Arctictis binturong

GRADES K–2

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Teachers: read this page aloud, one part at a time (about 5 minutes). Children follow along and say the bold words.



A binturong rests on a branch at our zoo.

Its body

It has a shaggy black coat.
It has long whiskers.
Its tail can hold on to trees.
Its ankles turn backward.

Its home (habitat)

It lives in Asia.
It climbs in forest trees.
Five live at our zoo.
They are Bali, Percy, Peter, Poppy and Stitch.



■ Lives in parts of this area ★ Plumpton Park Zoo, Rising Sun, MD

Its food

It eats mostly fruit.
It drops the seeds as it goes.
The seeds help forests grow.

Its babies (life cycle)

A baby is called a **binlet**.
A new binlet weighs 5 ounces.
It stays with its mother as it grows.

Fun facts

People call it a **bearcat**.
It is not a bear or a cat!
It smells like buttered popcorn!

Words to know

bearcat: another name for a binturong
binlet: a baby binturong
whiskers: long stiff hairs on its face

Talk about it

1. What does a binturong smell like?
2. How does its tail help it climb?
3. How does it help forests grow?

Learn more: plumptonparkzoo.org/mammals/binturong/ · **Sources:** Animal Diversity Web; Duke Today; Science News; IUCN Red List.
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Before and after your visit

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Name _____ **Date** _____

Before you visit · 5 minutes

What do you think? Circle **YES** or **NO**.

1. A binturong smells like popcorn. **YES** **NO**
2. A binturong is a kind of bear. **YES** **NO**
3. It eats mostly fruit. **YES** **NO**
4. Its baby is called a cub. **YES** **NO**

At the zoo · with a partner

Check each one you see.

- ☐ shaggy coat
- ☐ long whiskers
- ☐ long tail
- ☐ claws
- ☐ ears
- ☐ nose

What is it doing? Circle one.

climbing · resting · eating · watching

After your visit · 10 minutes

Draw a binturong climbing a branch with its tail.

Draw here

A binturong has _____

I learned that _____

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