



## 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Scavenger Hunt

### WATERFOWL

1. What percentage of Mississippi's surface is covered by wetlands?  
\_\_\_\_\_ %

### OUR WEAKENED WEB

2. Circle the extirpated (*locally extinct*) species:

Passenger Pigeon

Black Bear

Blue Catfish

Red Wolf

Raccoon

### STORIES IN STONE

3. What is our state fossil? (*Hint: Check the pink section of the fossil wall*) \_\_\_\_\_

### HORN ISLAND AND THE MISSISSIPPI SOUND

4. Can you find these animals in the **Horn Island** Exhibit?

\_\_\_ Black Skimmer—these birds fly low over the surface of the water and skim the water with their lower beak. Look for their bright orange and black beak.

\_\_\_ Laughing Gulls—this is the largest and darkest of the black-headed gulls. It's call is a variety of low chuckles.

\_\_\_ Blue Crab—these are easy to determine by their blue color

\_\_\_ Raccoon

\_\_\_ Diamondback Terrapin



### RAPTORS

5. What is a **raptor**? \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Name 3 raptors:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

### BOTTOMLAND HARDWOOD FOREST AND THE LIVING FOSSILS OF THE MISSISSIPPI

7. Find these animals in the **Bottomland Hardwood Forest** exhibit. (*Check the box blank when you find them.*)

- a. \_\_\_ Cecropia Moth—this large moth is brown with orange and white stripes on its wings  
b. \_\_\_ Pileated Woodpecker  
c. \_\_\_ Ivory-billed Woodpecker—thought to be extinct, this bird can be distinguished from the Pileated Woodpecker by its size and the white patches on its wings.  
d. \_\_\_ Viceroy Butterfly—this showy orange butterfly mimics a Monarch.  
e. \_\_\_ Copperhead—this snake is well camouflaged.

### 8. True or False

The Alligator Gar, Pallid Sturgeon, and Paddlefish are species that have been on the earth since before the dinosaurs.

### RIFFLE

9. What is a riffle? \_\_\_\_\_

**INEY WOODS**

10. The large tortoise is a Gopher Tortoise, a threatened species.

Circle the animals that rely on the Gopher Tortoise:

Dusky Gopher Frog    Black Pine Snake    White-tail Deer    Cecropia Moth

**ORTHEAST HILLS AND PICWICK RESEVOIR**

11. These two exhibits illustrate the aquatic and terrestrial habitats found in the northeastern corner of Mississippi, Tishomingo County. These hills are the most ancient exposed rocks in the state, dating back to the Paleozoic era.

**True or False**

**EOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRDS**

12. What can people do to insure that these birds, who are only in Mississippi from March-September, come back to this, one of their migratory homes? \_\_\_\_\_

**EARL RIVER**

13. How did the Pearl River get it's name?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**MISSISSIPPI'S TURTLES**

14. How many turtle species are found in Mississippi? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFUSING COUNTERPARTS**

15. What rhyme helps you to distinguish between the Scarlet King snake, the Scarlet Snake, and the Eastern Coral Snake? \_\_\_\_\_

**MISSISSIPPI'S TOWERING TREASURES**

16. Which leaves have the following shapes:

a. Star \_\_\_\_\_ b. Heart \_\_\_\_\_ c. Teardrop \_\_\_\_\_

**MISSISSIPPI RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC COLLECTIONS**

17. Circle the tools our scientists use in their research.

Computers    Radio Collars    Scuba Equipment    Hammer    Notebook

**XPLORING MISSISSIPPI'S WEB OF LIFE**

17. Are bats blind? \_\_\_\_\_ How do they find prey? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Herbivores eat \_\_\_\_\_ Carnivores eat \_\_\_\_\_

**WILDLIFE AND PEOPLE**

19. What is the reason for the most recent decline in the turkey population? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Who founded the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science and spurred the creation of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks? \_\_\_\_\_

21. What can we do to nurture and protect our environment? \_\_\_\_\_  
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