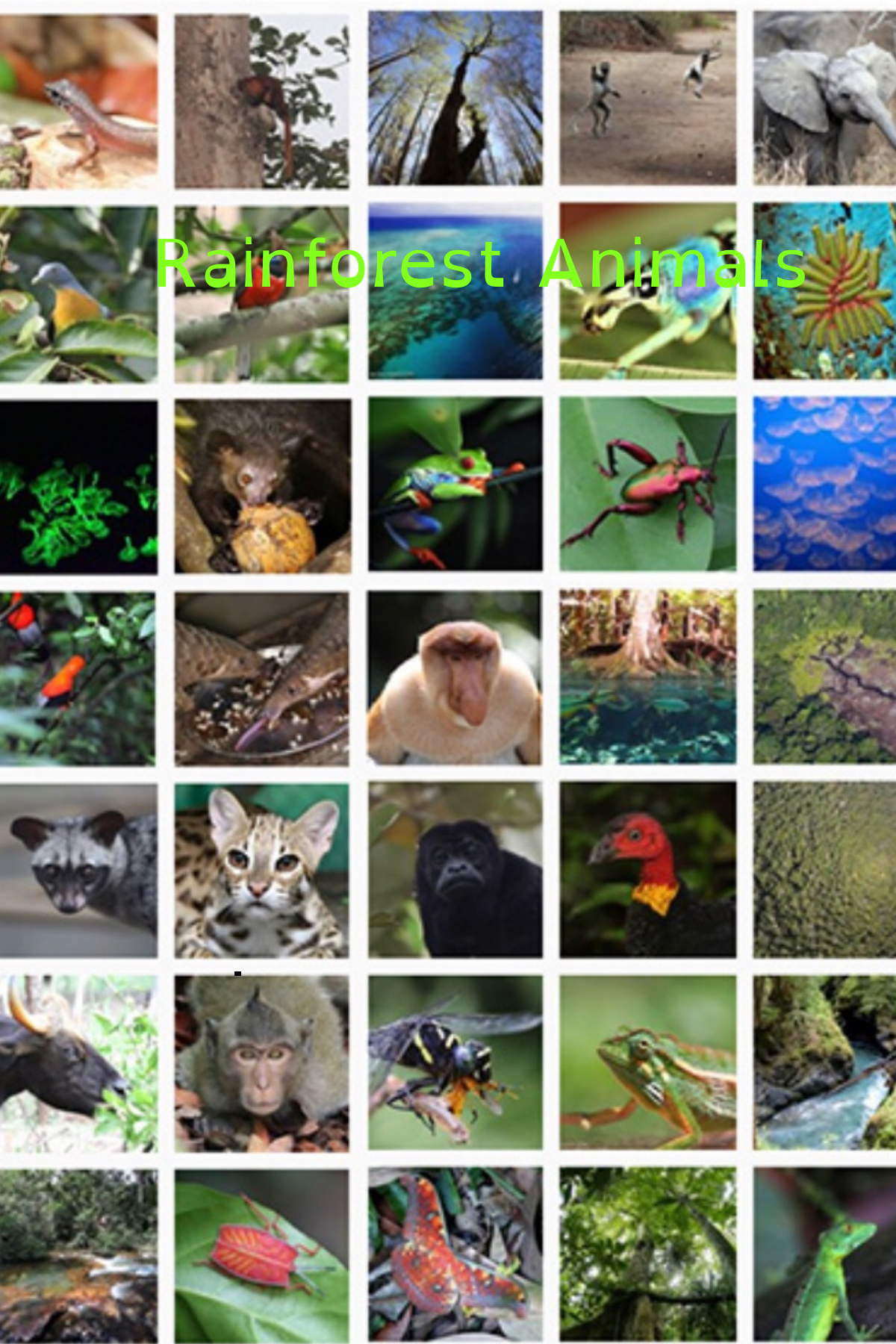

Rainforest Animals



Sloths—the sluggish tree-dwellers of Central and South America—spend their lives in the tropical rain forests. They move through the canopy at a rate of about 40 yards per day, munching on leaves, twigs and buds.s



What do sloths eat? Sloths munch on leaves, twigs and buds. Because the animals don't have incisors, they trim down leaves by smacking their firm lips together. A low metabolic rate means sloths can survive on relatively little food; it takes days for them to process what other animals can digest in a matter of hours.

The Giant Ice Age Sloth,Megalonyx jeffersonii, the famed "Giant Claw" discovered by Thomas Jefferson, stood almost ten feet tall and weighed 2 to 3 tons, as much as a small elephant. It grazed Iowa's woodland during a geologic period called the Pleistocene when huge glaciers of ice covered most of Iowa





Lions have a bite force of only 650 PSI, which is not much stronger than the hardest-biting domestic dog, the English mastiff (550 PSI). But lions are social creatures that hunt in groups and consume their kill where it falls, which may lessen the need for individual jaw strength, some researchers have hypothesized



Though they probably don't experience the feelings of bravery quite like we do, they're not afraid to hunt big, dangerous prey. “They're the least afraid of anything of all the predators,” says Craig Packer, an ecologist with the University of Minnesota and one of the world's foremost lion experts

Koalas live in the eucalyptus forests of southeastern and eastern Australia. When not sleeping, they're usually eating. They rely on the eucalyptus tree for both habitat and food. Koalas can eat more than a pound of eucalyptus leaves a day.





Like all marsupial babies, baby koalas are called joeys. A koala joey is the size of a jellybean! It has no hair, no ears, and is blind. Joeys crawl into their mother's pouch immediately after birth, and stay there for about six months

On average, koalas live for 10 to 12 years of age in the wild. Although females can continue to breed into their 'teens' and may live as long as 18 years; males are thought to have a slightly shorter

Jaguars have the strongest jaw muscles of all of the big cats. Their bite force is around 200 pounds per square inch, which is about double that of a tiger





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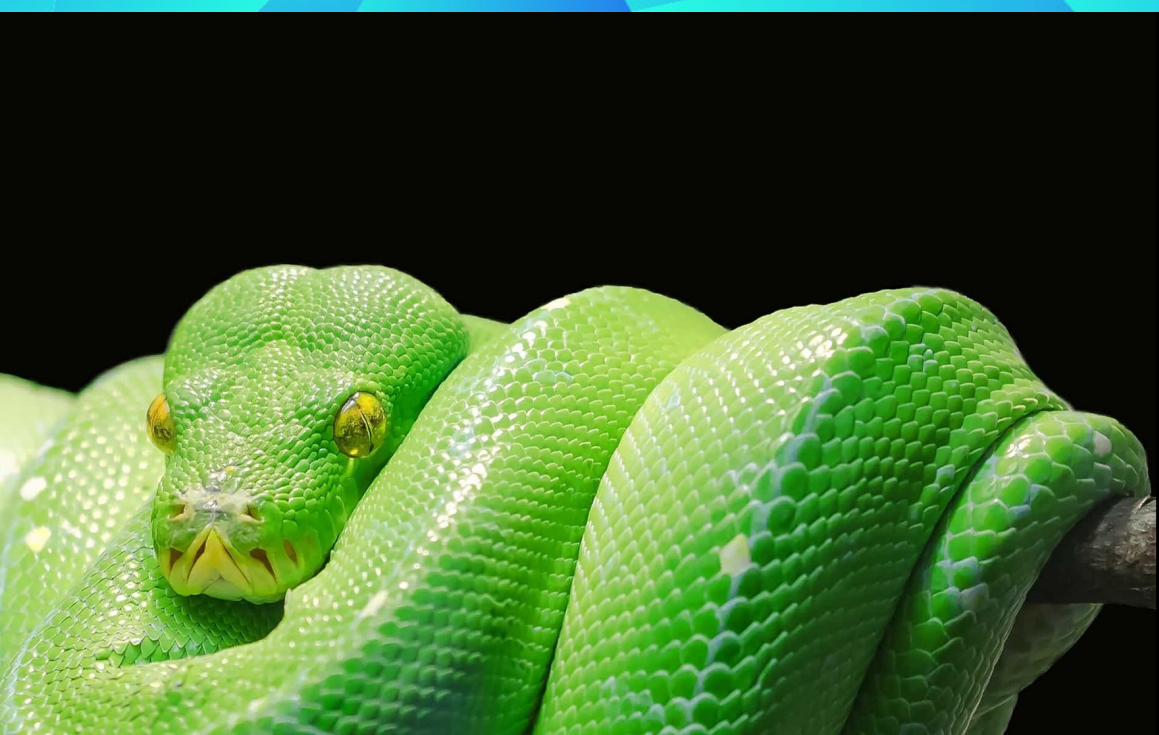
Yes, it's definitely possible. Although the lion is far more likely to beat the jaguar in a one-on-one fight, there is definitely a chance that the jaguar could kill a lion. Jaguars are extremely powerful for their size, and even have a stronger bite than lions.





What kind of animals kill snakes? Snakes have many predators, though the size and location of the snake determine the animals that will go after them. Birds, mongooses, wild bores, foxes, raccoons, and coyotes are just a few of their potential threats. Other snakes may also go after each other

Snakes, like other reptiles, have skin covered in scales. Snakes are entirely covered with scales or scutes of various shapes and sizes, known as snakeskin as a whole. ... This permits replacement of old worn out skin, disposal of parasites and is thought to allow the snake to grow





Parrots, also known as psittacines, are birds of the roughly 398 species in 92 genera comprising the order Psittaciformes, found mostly in tropical and subtropical regions. The order is subdivided into three superfamilies: the Psittacoidea, the Cacatuoidea, and the Strigopoidea

Many parrots are kept as pets, especially macaws, Amazon parrots, cockatiels, parakeets, and cockatoos. These birds have been popular companions throughout history because they are intelligent, charismatic, colorful, and musical. Some birds can imitate many nonavian sounds, including human speech.

