

Deep Sea Learning with Georgia Aquarium



Wildlife Bingo Fact Sheet:

Tips for identifying animals and plants!

- Take photos! You can reference them as needed.
- Ask an expert in the field.
- Use all your senses to help you identify animals. For example, some birds will have certain songs or sounds they make.
- Use field guides or identification mobile apps to help you identify what you have found.
- There are many free mobile apps that you can use to help identify different species. Our educators recommend Merlin and iNaturalist.

What is a keystone species?

- They are species that are important for the survival of other organisms in the ecosystem. If something happened to the keystone species, the ecosystem could suffer great damage.
- Some examples of other keystone species include: American alligators, beavers, southern sea otters, wolves and bees.



American Alligators are considered a keystone species because of the holes that they dig using their feet and snout. The holes fill with water, and many other animal species in this ecosystem depend on the gator holes for their fresh water supply during dry season.

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