



WILD JUNGLE

Take a walk on the wild side and step into this mystical forest scene. An incredible variety of living things share our world, providing us with beauty, inspiration, and companionship. Eric wanted to pay tribute to the wonderful diversity of creation with this new piece. Come to the magic waterfall fed lagoon and have fun amid the tropical flora and fauna, found worldwide, in this "Wild Jungle" where you may make a few new forest friends. Let yourself Go Wild!

1. A Red-Eyed Tree Frog's eyes and colored skin often surprise predators enough to where it can escape with those few precious seconds of confusion.
2. A Blue Morpho Butterfly wingspan is between 5-8 inches, making it one of the largest butterflies in the world.
3. Snails are strong and can lift up to 10 times their body weight in a vertical position. Like you lifting 3-4 Crocodiles.
4. Tigers are the only cat species that are completely striped, even stripes on their skin.
5. Ocelots don't roar; instead they "chuckle" when excited and may "mutter" to one another.
6. Fire Ants are so called for two reasons, their color and a very painful sting similar to being burned.
7. One out of every four animals on Earth is a beetle.
8. The Dragonflies superior agility in the air comes from the fact that they can angle each wing independently.
9. Green Iguanas can grow from anywhere of 5 to 7 feet.
10. Insects represent over 90% of living things on the Earth.
11. A group of Crickets is called an orchestra.
12. A Ladybug's bright colors, red and black, are a complete bluff in warning predators it is toxic to eat.
13. A Chameleons tongue can go 0 to 60 in less than a second.
14. Caterpillars have 12 eyes.
15. Herons are carnivores, meat eaters only.
16. The Jaguar is the biggest cat in the Americas.
17. A Tortoise can't swim, turtles can
18. Gorillas are so intelligent that they can learn sign language.
19. Pythons kill their prey by suffocating them, not crushing them or by venom.
20. Unlike other bear species, Pandas do not hibernate because they can't stop eating.
21. Macaws can live up to 80 years.
22. An Elephant's trunk is so polished to the point that it can pick up a single grain of rice.
23. Orangutan literally means "person of the forest."
24. Koalas can run as fast as a rabbit.
25. Squirrel Monkey are arboreal creatures, meaning they spend most of their life in trees, rarely going to the ground.
26. Parrots taste with the top of their beaks
27. The bright colors of a Toucan help it camouflage in the jungle extremely well.
28. Waterfalls often form in the upper stages of a river where it flows over different bands of rock.
29. Lagoons are shallow bodies of water that are protected and contain both fresh and salt water.
30. The ecosystem of any rainforest contains over 40,000 types of plants!