



# IAT Tech Month 2020

## Quiz Answers

### Week 2 – 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March

Thank you to the fantastic number of entries for the quiz this second week. The questions were all based on Animals. Correct answers shown in **bold**.

#### What is a Chevrotain?

Chevrotains, also known as mouse-deer, are small **Deer** like ungulates that make up the family *Tragulidae*. There are 10 species found in forests in South and Southeast Asia, with a single species in the rainforests of Central and West Africa. They are solitary or live in pairs, and feed almost exclusively on plant material. Chevrotains are the smallest hoofed mammals in the world.



#### Flamingos are naturally white, what is it that gives them their pink colour?

Though it is their most-famous quality, the pink of the Flamingo's feathers is not a hereditary trait. The birds are in fact born a dull grey. The bright pink colour comes from beta carotene, a red-orange pigment that is found within their **diet** of algae, larvae, and brine shrimp that flamingos eat in their wetland environment.

#### Name the species shown?

**Wombats** are short-legged, muscular quadrupedal marsupials that are native to Australia. They are about 1 m in length with small, stubby tails and weigh between 20 and 35 kg. Sorry if this was a bit of a sneaky picture!!



#### A goatsucker is what type of animal?

Nightjars are medium-sized nocturnal or crepuscular **birds** characterised by long wings, short legs and very short bills. They are sometimes called goatsuckers, due to the ancient folk tale that they sucked the milk from goats.



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### What type of animal is a Suffolk Punch?

The Suffolk **Horse**, also historically known as the Suffolk Punch or Suffolk Sorrel, is an English breed of draught horse. The breed takes the first part of its name from the county of Suffolk in East Anglia, and the name "Punch" from its solid appearance and strength. The breed was developed in the early 16th century and is one of the oldest English breeds.

### The Fossa is a carnivorous mammal found only on which island?

The Fossa is a cat-like, carnivorous mammal endemic to **Madagascar**. It is a member of the *Eupleridae* family of carnivorans closely related to the mongoose family.



### Where would you find an Arboreal Species?

Arboreal animals are creatures who spend the majority of their lives in trees. This can include the canopy, the branches, inside of the tree, and even the roots of the tree. Of the three possible answers, the **Amazon Rainforest** was the example of an Arboreal habitat.

### According to the IUCN, what percentage of Mammals are threatened with extinction?

Established in 1964, The [International Union for Conservation of Nature's](#) Red List of Threatened Species has evolved to become the world's most comprehensive information source on the global conservation status of animal, fungi and plant species.

The IUCN Red List is a critical indicator of the health of the world's biodiversity. Far more than a list of species and their status, it is a powerful tool to inform and catalyse action for biodiversity conservation and policy change, critical to protecting the natural resources we need to survive. It provides information about range, population size, habitat and ecology, use and/or trade, threats, and conservation actions that will help inform necessary conservation decisions.

More than 30,000 species are threatened with extinction; that is 27% of all assessed species. Within that total it is estimated the 14% of bird species and an incredible **25% of mammals** are threatened.

