

LIFE UNDERGROUND EXHIBIT

What do kangaroo rats eat?

_____ *seeds* _____



Where do ringtails rest by day?

_____ *rocky outcrops, caves, crevices, tree hollows* _____



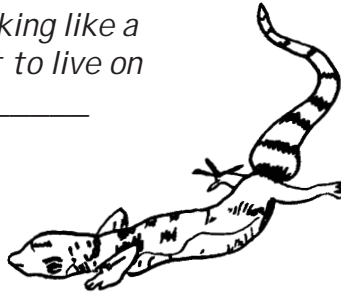
LIFE ON THE ROCKS

Which nocturnal creature defends itself with a foul-smelling spray?

_____ *hog-nosed skunk* _____

What do banded geckoes use their tails for?

_____ *They can wave them above their bodies to threaten predators (perhaps looking like a scorpion), and they can store fat to live on for months without food.* _____



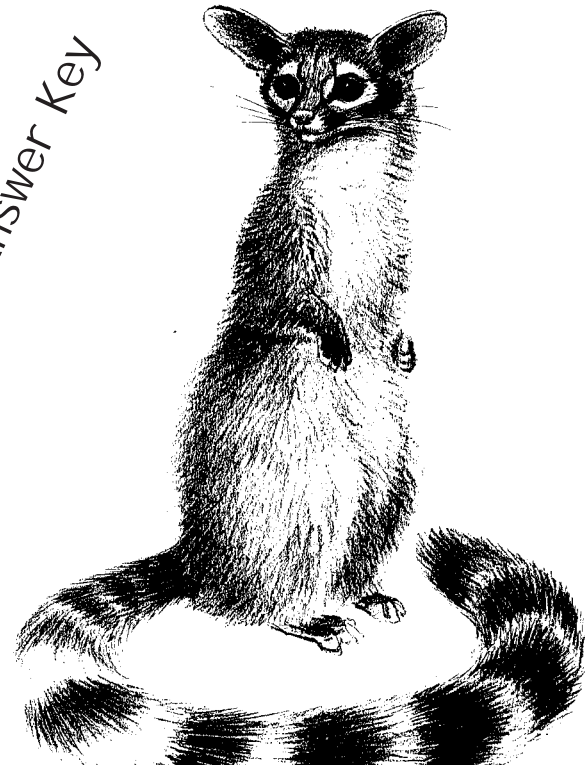
What do elf owls eat?

_____ *arthropods such as insects, centipedes, and scorpions* _____



Creatures of the Night

Answer Key



WHAT DOES "NOCTURNAL" MEAN?

_____ *active at night* _____

REPTILE AND INVERTEBRATE ROOM

Which arthropod glows under ultraviolet light?

_____ *scorpion* _____

Why do desert millipedes stay underground during the day? *I t's cooler and moister to come out at night* _____

What is another name for millipedes?

_____ *rain worms* _____



EARTH SCIENCES CAVE

Replicas of these nocturnal, flying mammals "roost" in the entrance to the cave. They are _____ *California leaf-nosed bats* _____. You will also see special "houses" we've made for real ones to live in around grounds.

Which nocturnal rodent builds its nests in dry caves, where it stores collected "treasures" in its midden?

_____ *pack rat (white-throated wood rat)* _____



CAT CANYON

This non-feline resident of Cat Canyon is primarily nocturnal, but occasionally can be seen foraging for food during the day. Who is it?

_____ *gray fox* _____

RIPARIAN CORRIDOR

(Hint: Don't forget to go downstairs!)

The beaver is North America's largest _____ *rodent* _____. It can weigh up to _____ *70* _____ pounds.

Beavers feed on the _____ *leaves* _____, _____ *twigs* _____, and _____ *softer bark* _____ of large tree branches.

