

# ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

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## Amazing Animal Adaptations Program for Schools

Are your students studying how animal's bodies and behavior uniquely help them to survive? We can bring a variety of creatures with some of the most amazing adaptations on the planet. This gives your students a chance to witness and interact with these animals up close and right in the classroom!

### Program animals include:

**Giant Vinegaroon-** Vinnie is a large arachnid that resembles a scorpion but is completely harmless. His defense is that he can emit a little bit of a vinegar-like substance to make himself unappealing as a meal.

**Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches.** These are truly amazing insects that are well adapted to their environments and can be handled easily. Students love touching them and hearing the "hiss!"

**Blue Death Feigning Beetles-** These comical little blue insects fall over and curl up their legs as if dead when disturbed. Then come back to life in front of your eyes. Always a crowd favorite.

**African Pygmy Hedgehog-** These central African creatures have quills for defense and roll into balls when disturbed. Other unique behaviors make them a favorite as well!

**Brazilian Rainbow Boas-** These rainforest beauties are some of the most beautiful snakes in the world. With their "eye spot" patterning and scales that act like prisms these are truly amazing animals!

**Blue Tongued Skink-** Sheila, our blue tongued skink from Australia is a friendly lizard who loves to sit on your lap and show you her blue tongue. That brightly colored tongue is an excellent example of how some non-venomous animals mimic the bright colors of poisonous animals for defense. Sheila is also a lizard that mimics a snake!

**Frilled Lizard-** One of Australia's most famous reptiles is the frilled lizard. This lizard looks much like a dinosaur when he sticks out his frill and walks on two legs. Students can touch his tree bark-like skin, watch him run and display his amazing frill.

**Milksnake-** This brightly colored fellow mimics the venomous coral snake. Students will learn a rhyme to tell the difference!

**Wallaby-** One of nature's most amazing adaptations is the ability to carry your young in a pouch. Students will get to meet one of our Bennett's wallabies and learn about marsupials!

### Notes:

- We reserve the right to modify program(s) at any time without notice. Depending on class size, available time, animal well-being or other factors, certain animals may not be available.
- Animal Encounters is a USDA licensed animal exhibitor and is fully insured.