

SEPTEMBER

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Discover the natural world with  
these fun at-home activities!



# RED PANDAS

**Razz: Male**

DOB: June 14, 2011

**Tudou: Female**

DOB: August 20, 2016

## Did you know?

- Red pandas are the original panda, discovered some 50 years before the giant panda!
- The origin of the name “panda” derives from a Nepalese word for red panda - “Nigalya poonya” which means “eater of bamboo”.
- Despite sharing the same name, they are not closely related to the giant panda. They are a part of their own family - Ailuridae.
- They are found in the Himalayan forests.
- On average, they weigh slightly more than a house cat.
- They are crepuscular, meaning they are most active in the early morning and late afternoon.
- Red pandas are arboreal which means they live in trees. They will spend their days conserving their energy amongst the trees.



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### Red Panda Network

is committed to the conservation of wild red pandas and their habitat through the education and empowerment of local communities.

Local communities are key to red panda conservation. They work with the people who live alongside red pandas to secure sustainable livelihoods and live harmoniously with local wildlife.

### Join us

and institutions across the world on September 16th as we celebrate International Red Panda Day!

This is a day to celebrate and learn about red pandas. There will be educational games and activities from 10am to 2pm around the Zoo. Take action from home to learn how to become a Red Panda Ranger!



# Amazing Adaptations

Did you know Red Pandas have a superpower? They can turn invisible! A Red Panda's colors camouflage them from predators. Learn more below, and color as you go!

**WHITE** on their face is almost "luminescent" and can guide a mother's lost cubs in the darkness

**RED** on their backs is the same color as moss found on the trees where they live

A long tail helps balance across tree branches

Claws are retractable like a cat's claws



**BLACK** on Red Panda's stomachs make them difficult to spot when you look up into trees

Furry paws help help grip onto slippery, mossy branches

The fluffy tail also acts as a blanket in winter to keep the Red Panda warm

# Become a Red Panda Ranger

Level 1

Red Panda Ranger is a special title given to children who help spread the word about red pandas.



To become a Red Panda Ranger you will need to “climb” five mountains by completing the challenges for each mountain. For each mountain level completed participants receive a digital badge.

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Complete your level 1 badge today! Answer the questions below and send them to [info@redpandanetwork.org](mailto:info@redpandanetwork.org). Look in this packet and online for answers. Scan the QR Code to see more badges and activities.



1. What is your name and what country do you live in?
2. How did you first learn about red pandas?
3. Can you name one country where red pandas are found in the wild?
4. Why are red pandas the "original" pandas (instead of giant pandas)?
5. What is a Nepalese name for red pandas, and what does it mean?
6. Why are red pandas sometimes called "firefoxes?"
7. How does a red panda's red fur help them hide from predators?



8. Do red pandas have claws?
9. Red pandas and giant pandas are both famous for eating a particular plant. In the wild, a red panda can eat up to 20,000 of this plant's leaves every day. What plant is it?
10. Are red pandas more closely related to giant pandas or raccoons?