

## RED PANDA *Ailurus fulgens*

Conservation Status: Endangered

Meet Tudou! She was born on August 20, 2016 at the Lee Richardson Zoo in Kansas. She's called Blank Park Zoo home since 2017.

Tudou's diet is primarily bamboo but crasins are her favortie treat!

Red pandas in the wild, can be found in the Eastern Himalayan mountains. They're called pandas because they eat bamboo. Just like giant pandas, red pandas can hold onto the bamboo with their false thumbs.

Red pandas are their own species. They are not closely related to giant panda, foxes or raccoons - although their nickname is fire fox!

Red pandas have long, fluffy tails that they use to balance when climbing and to keep warm in the bitter cold of their native ranges. They also have super furry feet to help keep warm when walking on the cold rocks and snow.

Continue for some fun activities to do related to our red panda both at home and while visiting the zoo!



# AT HOME ACTIVITIES

## Make your own Red Panda Mask

Time: 10 minutes • Materials: red or orange and white paper, black marker, glue or tape, and scissors

Here's what to do...

1. Cut out the shape of your face on the red paper (or color your paper red if you need).
2. Now to the accents - cut out your red panda ears and face markings - remember, every animal is unique, so make it your own and be creative! It does not have to look the same as you see here.
  - a. Don't forget to add your nose and eyes.
3. Once all your pieces are cut out, glue or tape them together!
  - a. Take it one step farther - cut out the eye holes and punch holes on the side to put strings through so you can *wear* your red panda mask! Bring it to the zoo to share.



Make it your own by personalizing the white face markings.



# AT HOME ACTIVITIES

## Find the wild in your own Backyard

Time: However long you want • Materials: Backyard  
Bingo card, crayon

Here's what to do...

1. Read over the bingo card and talk about what animals and plants you normally see in your backyard. Head on out or take a walk in your neighborhood. Use your eyes and ears to find.
  - a. Complete a row or the entire board!



Canada Goose



Little Black Ant



Eastern Cottontail



Seeding Dandelion



Spurge



Greater Plantain



Painted Lady



Fox Squirrel



Tulips

# AT THE ZOO ACTIVITIES

## I-spy with my little eyes...

Time: Throughout your visit · Materials: None

Here's what to do...

1. As you walk around the zoo, play a game of I-Spy with your family or friends you have with you.
  - a. Select a specific thing you see or a category of things (ex: I spy things that are green).
  - b. Allow your companion to guess what it is you see and switch roles once they get it right, continuing throughout your journey around the zoo.

Practice your skill of visual observations with this game!



**Take Action!**  
Help red panda in the wild by supporting The Red Panda Network!



# AT THE ZOO ACTIVITIES

## Reading Red Panda Storytime

Time: 10 minutes · Materials: Story Book

Here's what to do...

1. Find a comfy place for you to sit and relax for a few minutes. Don't forget to grab your book you packed!
2. Now let's read your story! Be sure to take your time; sound out any words that may be difficult and enjoy the illustrations if they are there.
3. Questions to think about as you read:
  - a. What will happen next in the book?
  - b. How would you feel if you were in this book, having what was happening in the book happen to you?
  - c. What can you find in the book's images? Any hidden objects or animals?



Bring a book from home and find a nice corner at the zoo to read together.

**Did You Know?**  
Blank Park Zoo participates in the SSP or Species Survival Plan for red panda!

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