

COLOURS OF CONGO:

Patterns, Symbols and Narratives in 20th-Century Congolese Paintings

剛果色彩：二十世紀剛果繪畫的圖案、象徵與敘事



Welcome to the University Museum and Art Gallery.

You will be seeing the many paintings created by artists in the Congo Basin, in Central Africa.

Many artists in this exhibition painted about the environments around them. 'The Bush' is a special word to describe a piece of land no person lives on. It is full of plants, insects and all kinds of animals.

Walk around the gallery, and try to spot these animals from the Bush!



Reptiles

Snakes, lizards and crocodiles have scaly skin. Reptiles live on land and are cold-blooded.

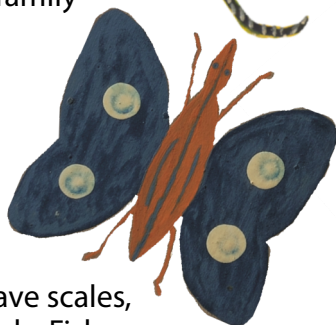


Mammals

Dogs, cats, elephants and humans... we are all mammals. Mammals are animals that drink milk when they are babies.

Insects

Insects have three-part bodies: head, thorax and abdomen. They belong to a larger family called arthropods.



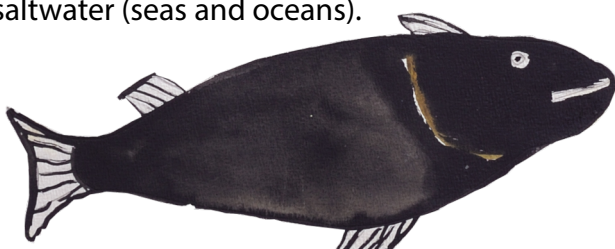
Amphibians

Amphibians, such as frogs, can live on both land and in water.



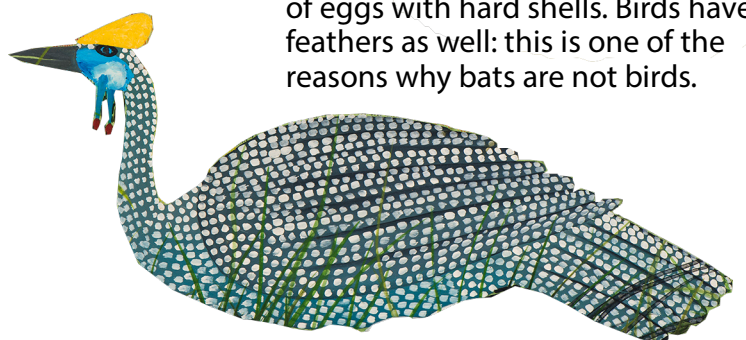
Fish

Fish live in water, and have scales, gills and fins on their body. Fish can live in freshwater (lakes and rivers), or saltwater (seas and oceans).



Birds

Birds are animals that are born out of eggs with hard shells. Birds have feathers as well: this is one of the reasons why bats are not birds.



Colour in this painting by Norbert Ilunga, and see how many animal types you can spot!



Norbert Ilunga

Untitled (Insect Hunt)
Oil on paper
Signed 'ILUNGA'
ca. 1950
Pierre Loos Collection

無題 (昆蟲狩獵)
紙本油彩
'ILUNGA' 署名
約1950年
Pierre Loos 藏品



What animal types can you see? Circle them below.
(Mammals / Reptiles / Fish / Insects / Birds / Amphibians)



Let us know if you
enjoyed our exhibition!



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