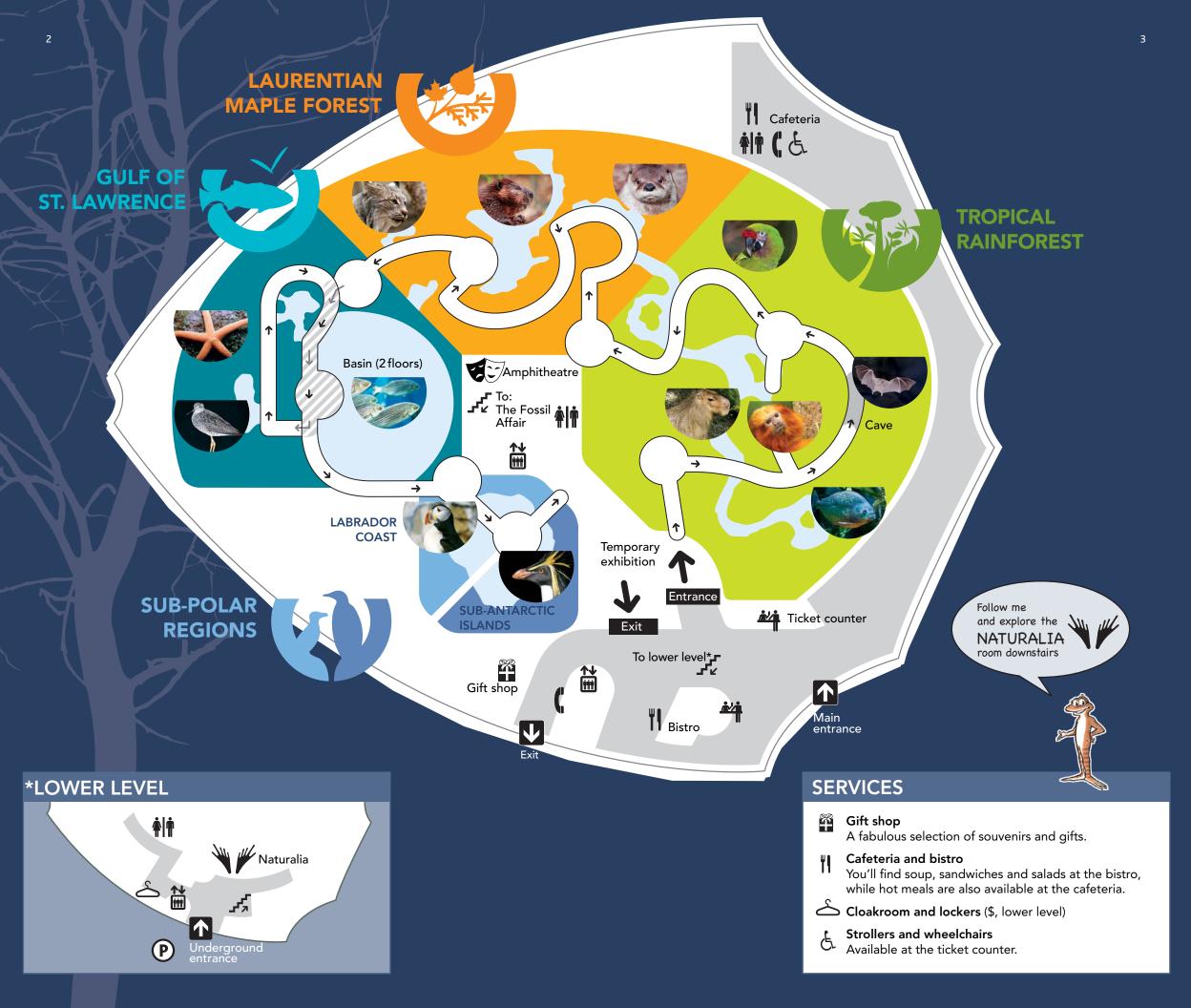
VISITOR INFORMATION AND SPECIES IDENTIFICATION







THE MONTRÉAL **BIODÔME**

The Biodôme, the Insectarium, the Botanical Garden and the Planetarium make up the Montréal Space for Life (Espace pour la vie), the largest natural science complex in Canada. At the Space for Life, we study, preserve and protect nature. We also share our knowledge and passion with visitors, and invite them to look at nature in a different light.

Come immerse yourself in some of the most spectacular ecosystems in the Americas. The Biodôme is home to over 4,500 animals from 245 different species and 1,500 plant species, all under one roof.

Dive into **nature** as you stroll along a pathway filled with surprises and sensations. Look, listen and learn!

DON'T MISS:

NATURALIA DISCOVERY ROOM

This is a great place to learn how plants and animals adapt to their surroundings, with all kinds of natural objects for you to touch.

THE FOSSIL AFFAIR

Have you ever seen a 10,700 year old beluga skeleton? This interactive exhibition is all about the great adventure of Life on Earth.

FILMS AND MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATIONS

Check the program for details.



TROPICAL RAINFOREST OF THE AMERICAS

The air is warm and fragrant in this lush environment. There are hundreds of animals to admire, from tamarins to piranhas, caimans, brightly coloured birds and bats. Look carefully in the pools, the foliage and the cave in the mountainside



LAURENTIAN MAPLE FOREST

In the broadleaf and coniferous forest that covers our Laurentians, temperatures and colours vary considerably over the year. The vegetation will tell you what season it is. And smile! A porcupine, northern pike or lynx is looking at you right now.

TEMPERATURES | SUMMER AT THE BIODÔME | 24-28°C

WINTER

HUMIDITY

TEMPERATURES | SUMMER AT THE BIODÔME | 17-24°C

ST. LAWRENCE

Dive (without getting wet) into the rich and complex universe of the gulf of one of the world's great rivers! Admire over 300 fish swimming in the 2.5 million litres of "seawater" made right here at the Biodôme. Then sniff the sea air as you stroll by a "garden" full of marine life and listen to the calls of the birds nesting high on the cliffs.



SUB-POLAR REGIONS:

Labrador Coast & Sub-Antarctic islands

Some amazing birds live at both ends of the Americas. Atlantic puffins, razorbills and eider ducks fly or swim around the sub-Arctic habitat representing the Labrador Coast, while some fifty penguins hop about on a sub-Antarctic island or race around like torpedoes underwater!

SPECIES CONSERVATION STATUS

According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), 20% of all mammals, 30% of all amphibians and nearly 70% of all plants on Earth are threatened. Species are now disappearing 100 to 1,000 times faster than the natural extinction rate.

We humans are responsible for this acceleration, for our activities are causing the fragmentation, degradation and disappearance of habitats.

This loss of biodiversity also jeopardizes ecosystems. That, in turn, has negative impacts on many aspects of human lives. So there is good reason for us to be concerned and to act now!

The Biodôme used the IUCN Red List to assign a conservation status to each species illustrated in this guide:



For more information: http://www.iucn.org

CONSERVATION THE BIODÔME GIVES BACK TO NATURE

The Biodôme participates in a number of national and international conservation programs set up to protect the natural environment. Some of the conservation programs in which it is currently involved focus on the golden lion tamarin and broad beech fern, illustrated below.



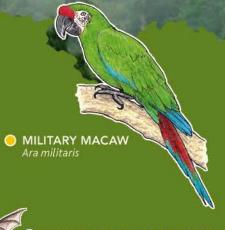
O HYACINTH MACAW Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus







Note that some species shown here may not be present in the ecosystem, and not all the species in the ecosystem are included in this guide.



JAMAICAN FRUIT-EATING BAT Artibeus jamaicensis



O GREEN IGUANA

O SCARLET MACAW Ara macao

TROPICAL RAINFOREST

IN THE TREES



RUFOUS-BREASTED HERMIT



O SEBA'S SHORT-TAILED BAT Carollia perspicillata



O STRANGLER FIG TREE Ficus costaricana



COTTON-TOP TAMARIN



O SOUTHERN TWO-TOED SLOTH Choloepus didactylus



AECHMEA O
Aechmea nudicaulis

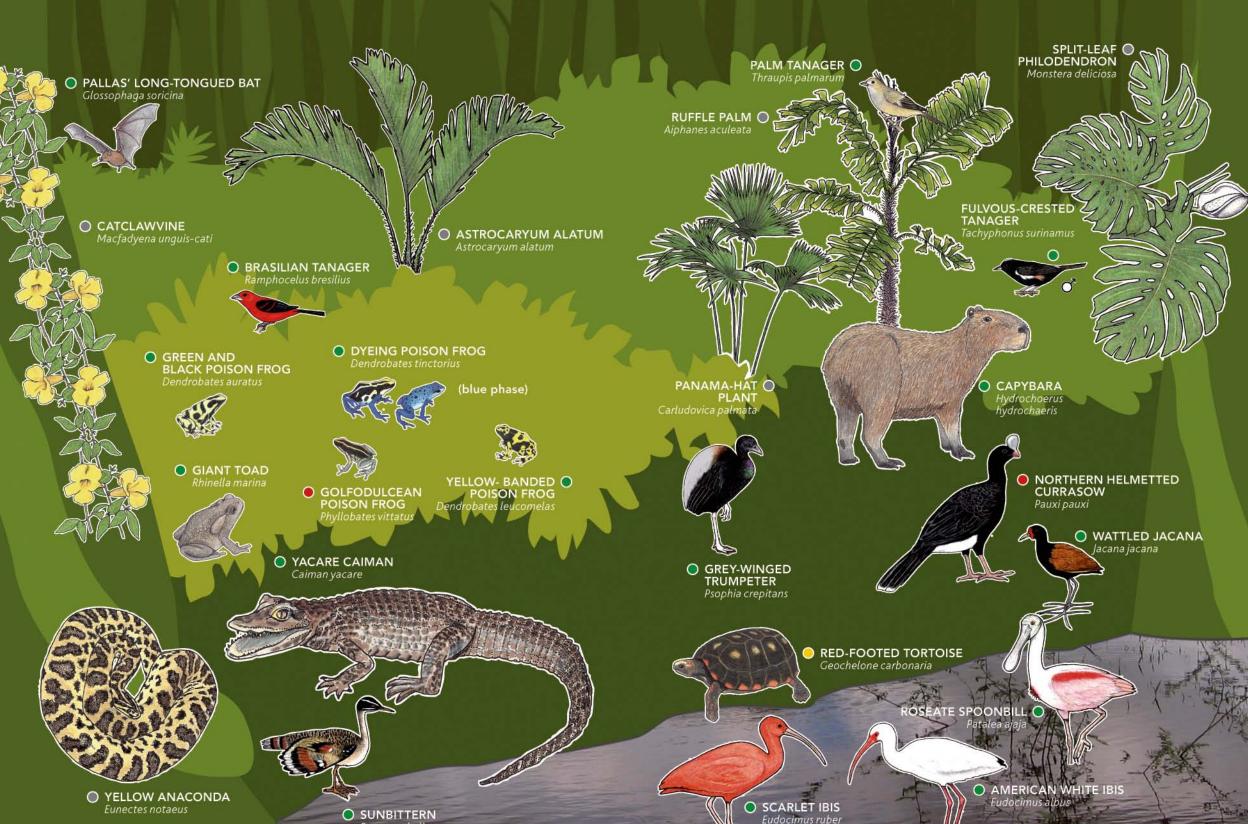
GOLDEN LION TAMARIN O



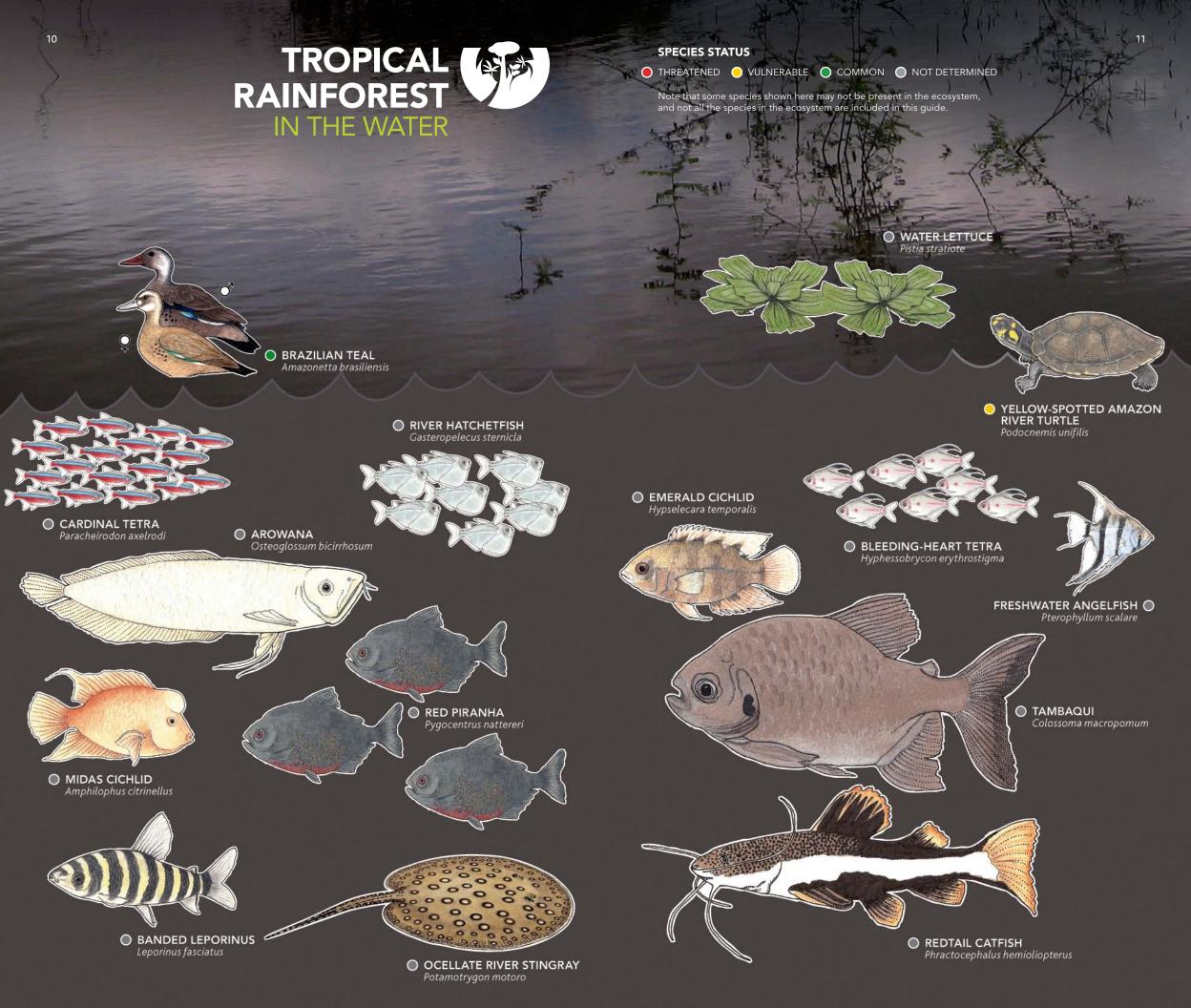
Cotinga cayana



SAFFRON FINCH Sicalis flaveola



Eurypyga helias



LAURENTIAN MAPLE FOREST IN AND AROUND THE LAKES

SPECIES STATUS

● THREATENED ● VULNERABLE ● COMMON ● NOT DETERMINED

Note that some species shown here may not be present in the ecosystem, and not all the species in the ecosystem are included in this guide.



COMMON O

Lemna minor



O HOODED MERGANSER

Lophodytes cucullatus



O RIVER OTTER Lutra canadensis

O NORTHERN PIKE Esox lucius



O AMERICAN BEAVER
Castor canadensis

BROOK TROUT Salvelinus fontinalis



LAKE WHITEFISH Coregonus clupeaformis





O SMALLMOUTH BASS Micropterus dolomieu



MIDLAND PAINTED TURTLE

Chrysemys picta

WALLEYE
 Stizostedion vitreum





SPECIES STATUS

● THREATENED ● VULNERABLE ● COMMON ● NOT DETERMINED





Note that some species shown here may not be present in the ecosystem, and not all the species in the ecosystem are included in this guide.

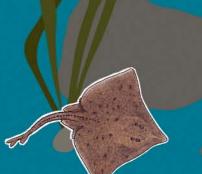






O ATLANTIC SALMON Salmo salar

ATLANTIC MACKEREL



ATLANTIC COD

BARNDOOR SKATE Dipturus laevis





ATLANTIC WOLFFISH Anarhichas lupus

SPINY DOGFISH

Squalus acanthias



Melanogrammus aeglefinus



SUGAR KELP Laminaria saccharina



LUMPFISH Cyclopterus lumpus



ATLANTIC SEA RAVEN Hemitripterus americanus



O POLLOCK Pollachius virens



WINTER FLOUNDER Pseudopleuronectes americanus



ATLANTIC HALIBUT Hippoglossus hippoglossus

O ORANGE-FOOTED SEA CUCUMBER

Cucumaria frondosa

POLAR SEA STAR Leptasterias polaris





SCARLET PSOLUS O Psolus fabricii



FRILLED ANEMONE () Metridium senile

COMMON WAVED WHELK Buccinum undatum



O HERMIT CRAB



AMERICAN LOBSTER



SPECIES STATUS

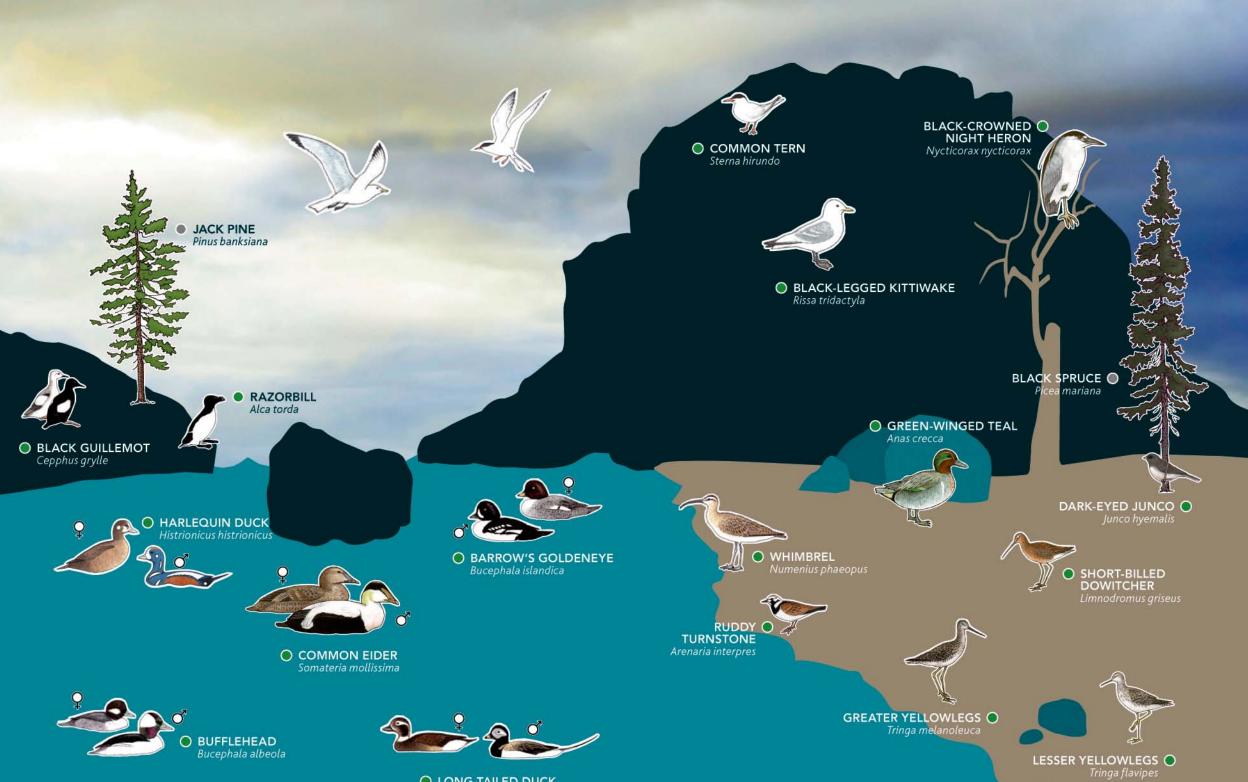






Note that some species shown here may not be present in the ecosystem, and not all the species in the ecosystem are included in this guide.





O LONG-TAILED DUCK

MACAREUX MOINE Fratercula arctica



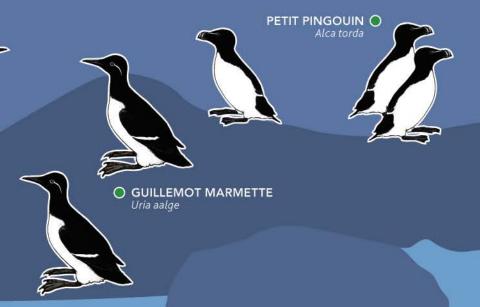
SPECIES STATUS







Note that some species shown here may not be present in the ecosystem, and not all the species in the ecosystem are included in this guide.



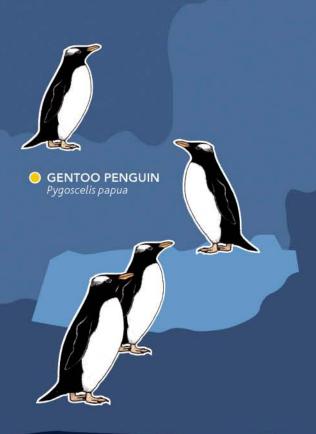


SUB-POLAR REGIONS SUB-ANTARCTIC ISLANDS

SPECIES STATUS

● THREATENED ● VULNERABLE ● COMMON ● NOT DETERMINED

Note that some species shown here may not be present in the ecosystem, and not all the species in the ecosystem are included in this guide.



O KING PENGUIN
Aptenodytes patagonicus















SPECIES ILLUSTRATED ON THE FRONT COVER:

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

- 1 GREEN IGUANA Iguana iguana
- 2 RED-EYED TREEFROG Agalychnis callidryas
- 3 CANADA LYNX Lynx canadensis
- 4 HYACINTH MACAW Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus
- 5 RED PIRANHA Pygocentrus nattereri

- **6 GENTOO PENGUIN** Pygoscelis papua
- 7 BARROW'S GOLDENEYE Bucephala islandica
- 8 CAPYBARA Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris
- 9 PAINTED TURTLE Chrysemys picta



BIODIVERSITY -WE'RE ALL PART OF IT, SO LET'S PROTECT IT!

TO KEEP EXPLORING, VISIT BIODOME.QC.CA

THE BIODÔME IS ACCREDITED BY:





PHOTO CREDITS:

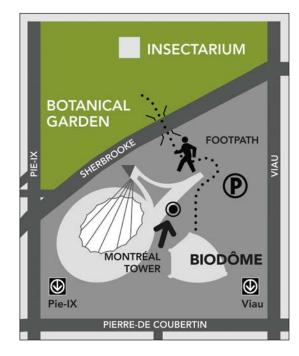
COVER

© claudelafondphoto.com

PAGE 5 (BROAD BEECH FERN) © Daniel J. Layton

PAGES 6-23 (BACKGROUND ILLUSTRATIONS) © Jessica Després

> PAGES 6-23 (SPECIES ILLUSTRATIONS) © Francine Mondor





Culture, Communications et Condition féminine Québec 🕯 🕏

museumsnature.ca