

ACTIVITY 3 **HARD TO SPOT**

In the film *Wild Cats 3D*, you learned a lot about the powerful leopard. Read the following paragraphs and use what you learned as well as context clues to complete the paragraphs by filling in the blanks with words from the word bank.

WORD BANK

camouflage carcass cheetah habitat pelts prey rosettes skulls trees

The leopard is one of the “big cats,” along with the tiger, lion, jaguar, cougar, _____, and snow leopard. Its name comes from the Greek roots for *lion* and *panther*. Leopards are successful hunters for a variety of reasons. They can run up to 36 mph and can climb _____, even carrying a _____. Their large _____ and powerful jaw muscles help them kill large prey. In addition, they are covered in spots, called _____, which help camouflage them.

Leopards are found in many parts of Africa as well as southern and eastern parts of Asia. They are able to adapt to different habitats, but in order to thrive, they need habitats with enough _____ to hunt and with ample vegetation to act as _____ for their hunting. While they are adaptable, their populations are affected by loss of _____ and hunting. Some are killed because they are considered pests, others for their _____.

What else do you know about leopards after seeing *Wild Cats 3D*? Use this space to write your own field notes about what you learned.

FIELD NOTES:

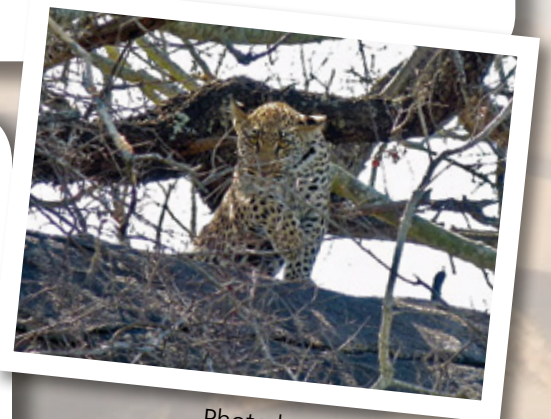


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