



GUIDE BOOK

Cryptid Sightings at
Denver Zoo Conservation Alliance

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Start Date:

Junior Cryptozoologist

Strange Things Afoot

In my entire career as a cryptozoologist, I've never seen an area so rich in cryptid signs and sightings as DZCA. Were these elusive creatures mysteriously drawn to this urban refuge? Do they feel a natural harmony with their fellow endangered species? Do they understand that they are not only safe here... but welcome?

I know the truth lies somewhere within this protected ecosystem—and as a scientist, I have made it my mission to find it. I rely on YOU, Junior Cryptozoologist, to help me collect evidence of their existence.

The Truth is Out There,

Dr. Gourdon Carver

Lead Cryptozoologist



AHOOOL

ORIGIN: INDONESIA

SIGHTED: TOYOTA ELEPHANT PASSAGE

LOOK + LISTEN for its glowing red eyes and the dry, leathery flap of its wings.



Height: 3 m

Weight: Unknown

Diet: Carnivorous,
mainly fish
(presumed)



DESCRIPTION: First encountered on the island of Java by naturalist Dr. Ernest Bartels, this fierce bat-gorilla hybrid is named for its chilling vocalization:

ahoooooool

ALICANTO

DESCRIPTION: Appearing from afar as a golden glow, this cave bird feeds on gold and silver coins—and is rumored to lead good-hearted miners to treasure.



ORIGIN: CHILE

SIGHTED: TROPICAL DISCOVERY

LOOK + LISTEN for its radiant feathers and the clink of coins in its full belly.

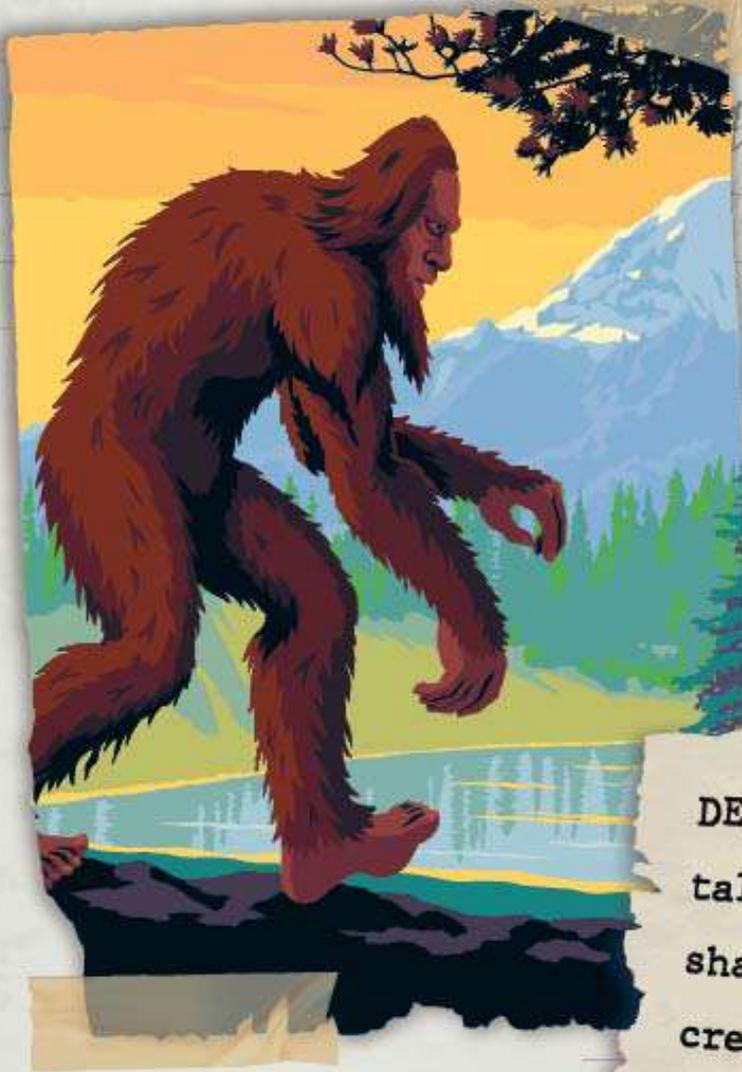


BIGFOOT

ORIGIN: ROCKY MOUNTAINS

SIGHTED: SHEEP MOUNTAIN

LOOK + LISTEN for a looming shape in the shadows and the crunch of leaves underfoot.



DESCRIPTION: At least seven feet tall and completely covered in shaggy fur, this ape-like creature prefers the solitude of mountain forests—but is rumored to be quite friendly!

BOITATA

ORIGIN: BRAZIL

SIGHTED: TROPICAL DISCOVERY

LOOK + LISTEN for its glowing multiple eyes and harsh warning hisssssssssssss.

DESCRIPTION: Revered throughout Brazil as a protector of nature, this colossal fire-breathing snake consumes the eyes of those who would damage the forest.



UNICORN

ORIGIN: WORLDWIDE

SIGHTED: TRAIN LOOP

LOOK + LISTEN for signs like unicorn poop—the whistle of the train means you're close!



DESCRIPTION: While this horned creature is a global symbol of purity and grace, our local rainbow steed, Dazzle, is responsible for bringing the magic of the season.

CHUPACABRA

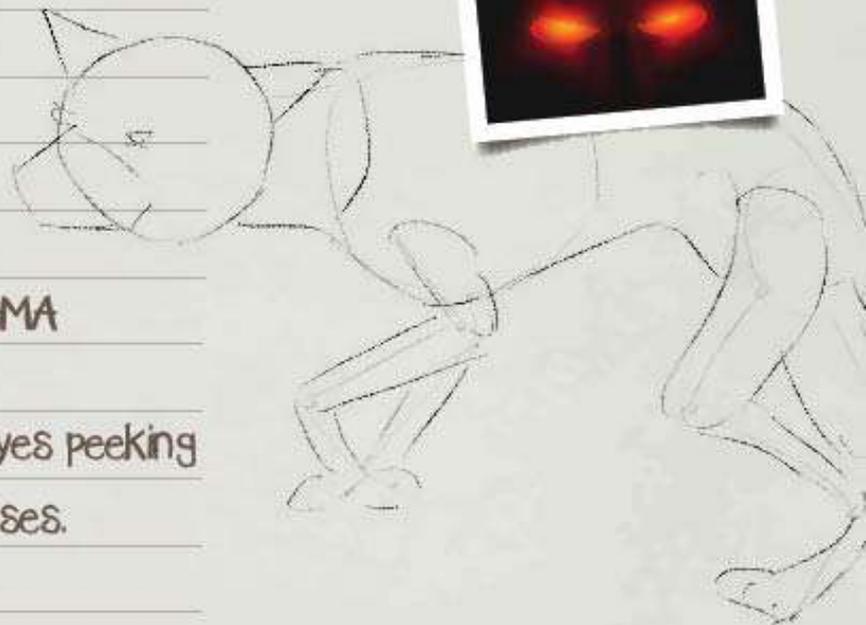
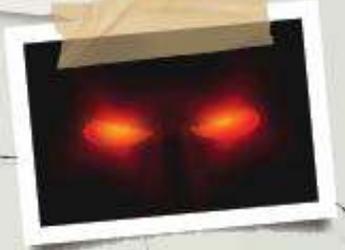


DESCRIPTION: A mammalian creature that appears like a large dog with mange, they suck the blood out of their prey to survive.

Length: 2 to 3ft
Weight: 30 to 40lbs
Diet: Farm livestock such as sheep and cows

ORIGIN: MEXICO + PUERTO RICO
SIGHTED: NEAR PRIMATE PANORAMA

LOOK + LISTEN for glowing red eyes peeking out from bushes, and low growling noises.



FAERIE

ORIGIN: ENGLAND

SIGHTED: CAROUSEL MEADOWS

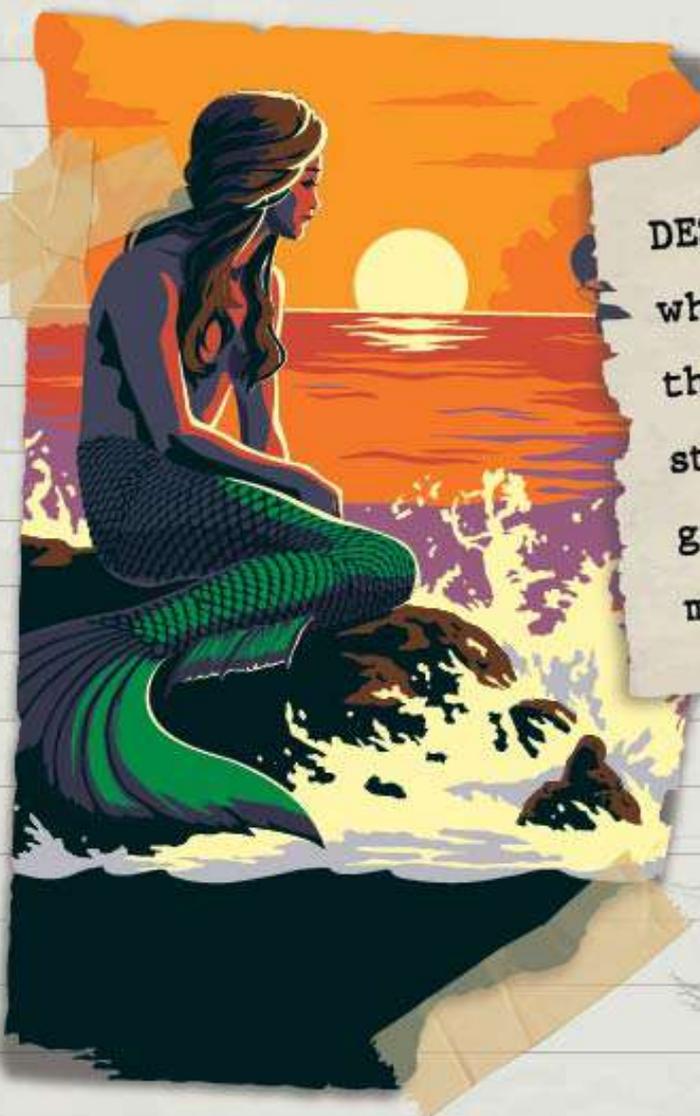
LOOK + LISTEN for mushroom faerie rings and Dazzle's soft whinny.



DESCRIPTION: Often spotted with her unicorn, Dazzle, this ethereal creature travels with her steed between realms, spreading magic wherever she goes.



MERMAID



DESCRIPTION: Unlike the sirens, who lured sailors to their deaths, this friendly mermaid is standing by to educate our human guests about her mysterious and misunderstood people.

ORIGIN: WORLDWIDE

SIGHTED: EAST OF STINGRAY COVE

LOOK + LISTEN for her pearly seashell throne and the peal of her sonorous Earthly voice.

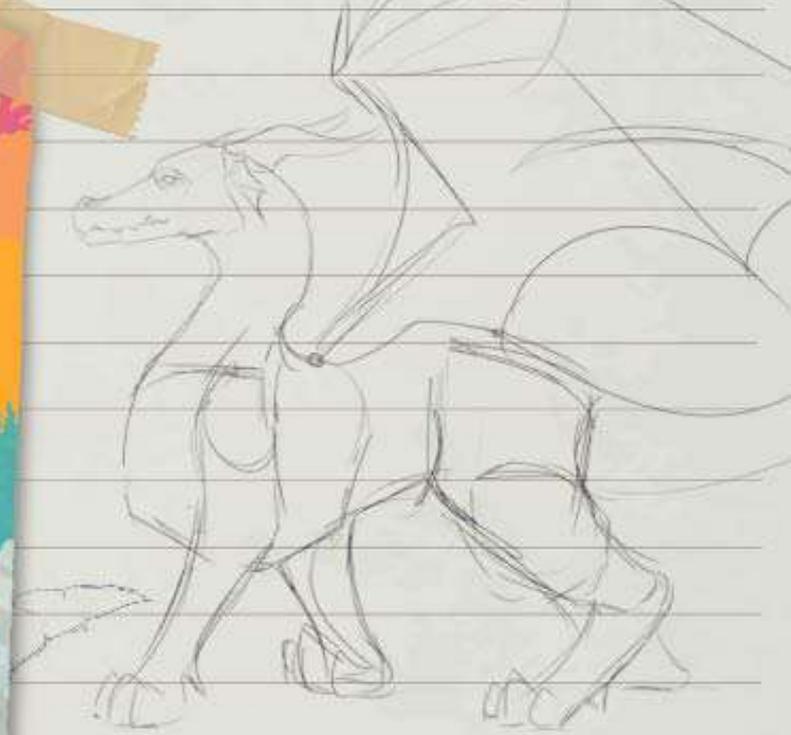


DRAGON

ORIGIN: EASTERN EUROPE

SIGHTED: PRIMATE PANORAMA

LOOK + LISTEN for the snap of twigs broken for nest building or wisps of smoke floating through the air.



DESCRIPTION: Rumored to do the bidding of the Bog Witch, this fearsome creature is often blamed for howling winds, earthquakes and other environmental mysteries.

BOG WITCH

DESCRIPTION: A friend to vultures, snakes, lizards, alligators, frogs, turtles and other misunderstood creatures, the Bog Witch was born in the remote bayous of Louisiana.



ORIGIN: AMERICAN SOUTH

SIGHTED: NEAR SWEET TREATS

LOOK + LISTEN for her skeletal vulture familiars and the bubbling of her cauldron.

Seems to be attracted by the crinkling of candy wrappers.



JACKALOPE

ORIGIN: AMERICAN WEST

SIGHTED: WILDLIFE PLAZA

LOOK + LISTEN for hornless
juvenile jackalopes, visible all
across campus at dusk!



DESCRIPTION: Normally peaceful, this small horned rabbit can become a "bundle of fury" if startled, disemboweling anyone who might try to extract its milk—a powerful elixir.

JORŌGUMO

ORIGIN: JAPAN + AMERICAN SOUTH

SIGHTED: TOYOTA ELEPHANT PASSAGE
SPIDER

LOOK + LISTEN for Charlotte's impressive web and her story of terrible transformation.

DESCRIPTION: When joro spiders invaded her hometown of Savannah, Georgia, Charlotte suffered a minor bite—and found she had the ability to shape-shift into a spider-woman.



MOTHMAN

ORIGIN: WEST VIRGINIA

SIGHTED: DENVER ZOO RAILROAD

LOOK + LISTEN for large, red eyes, rustling trees, and the flap of wings.



Height: 7ft

Weight: Unknown

Diet: Large mammals



DESCRIPTION: Standing 7 feet tall with whitish-grey, moth-like wings, the appearance of the Mothman is supposedly an omen to mark impending disaster.



MONGOLIAN DEATH WORM

ORIGIN: GOBI DESERT, MONGOLIA

SIGHTED: KAMALA CAFÉ

LOOK + LISTEN for disturbances in the sand, and the shake and rattle of its body.



DESCRIPTION: Known as the Olgoi-Khorkoi in Mongolian, reports of this creature span back hundreds of years! Be careful if you venture out into the sands, and beware its large, dangerous mouth!

Length: 3 feet
Weight: Unknown
Diet:
Carnivorous



KRAKEN

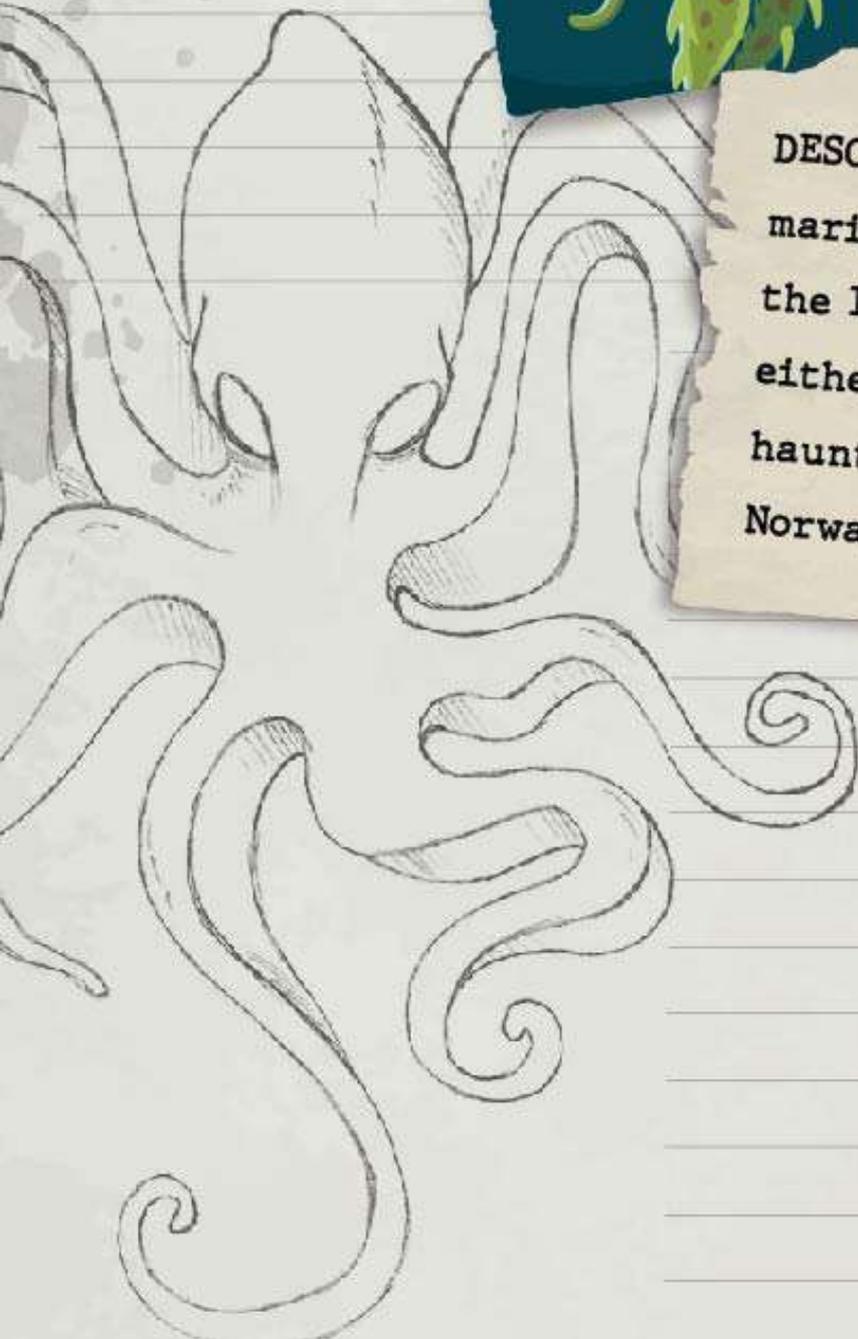


DESCRIPTION: This superstar of maritime lore, dating back to the 1700s, is rumored to be either a giant octopus or squid haunting the seas between Norway and Iceland.

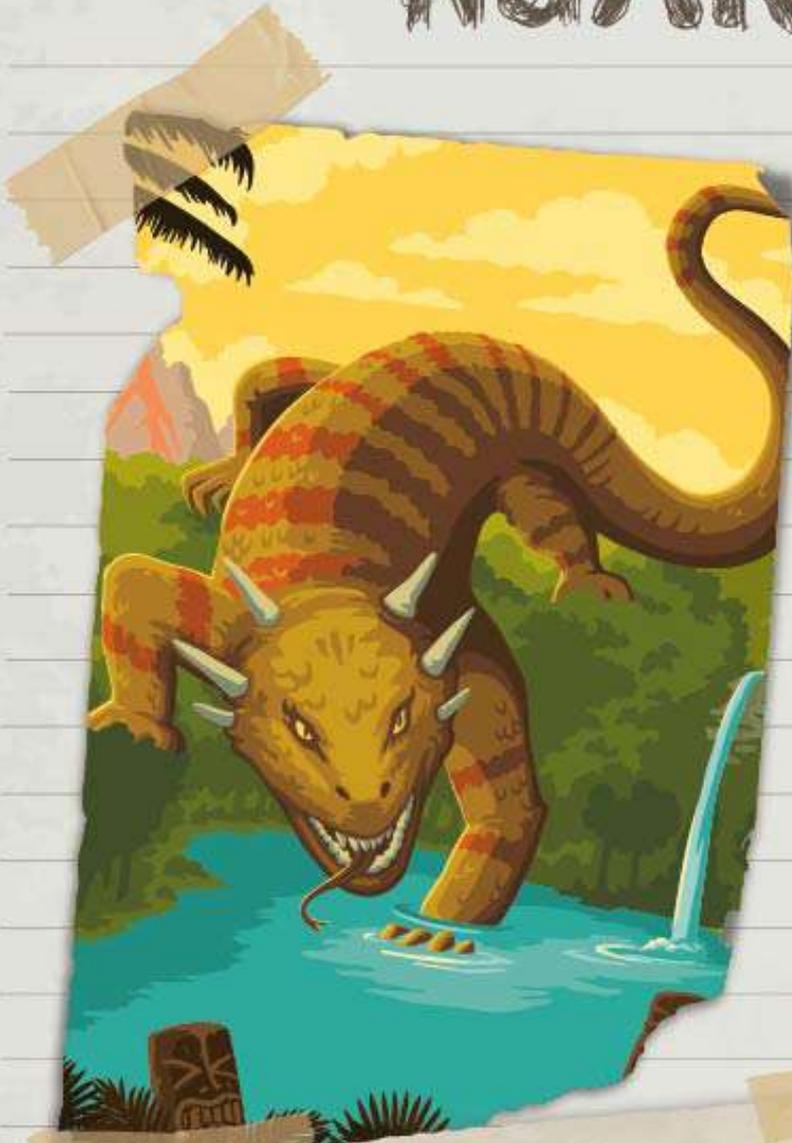
ORIGIN: NORWAY

SIGHTED: STINGRAY COVE

LOOK + LISTEN for fearsome grabbing tentacles and the terrified screams of sailors.



NGĀRARA



ORIGIN: NEW ZEALAND
SIGHTED: DOWN UNDER

LOOK + LISTEN for deep green,
leathery skin, and the rustling of the
brush underfoot.

Length: 12 to 13ft
Weight: Unknown
Diet: Small animals
and vegetation

DESCRIPTION: Found across
New Zealand and Australia,
the Ngārara is supposedly
the creature who all lizards
sprang from. It is said they
reside near burial caves to
protect the dead. "Ngārara"
is the Māori word for "reptile".



WEREWOLF

ORIGIN: PACIFIC NORTHWEST
SIGHTED: BETWEEN CONDORS +
LORIKEETS

LOOK + LISTEN for the glow of
the full moon and the eerie howl
of transformation.



DESCRIPTION: One of the most
ancient and far-ranging
cryptids, this shape-shifting
man-beast has been spotted in
nearly every part of the world.





Cryptid Evidence Log
Record Signs + Sightings Below.



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