

My Animal Report About

Red Panda



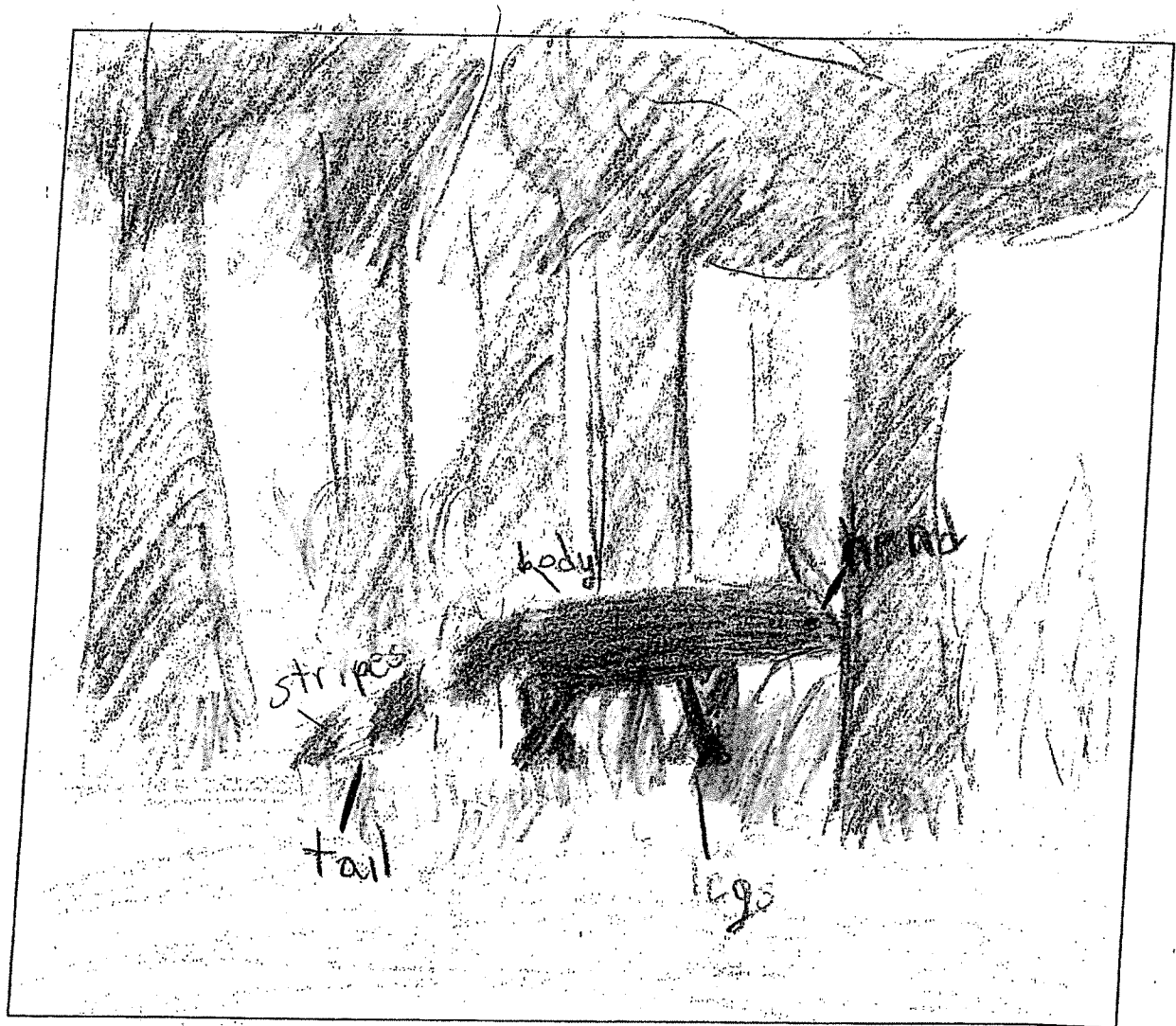
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Structural Characteristics



Red pandas are wonderful and interesting creatures. They have sharp claws for grasping things such as their prey or a tree branch. Their thick fur is a maroon color and protects them from the cold. A red panda has recognizable black and white markings on

their face. They have a maroon and white tail that makes them unique from other animals. The red panda weighs an average of 10-12 pounds. Their length is an average of 24 inches and their long and striped tail adds around 15 inches to that. Their sharp teeth and powerful jaw is strong enough to chew through tough bamboo leaves. Their eyes are on the front of their head. They have pointed ears and large and round eyes.

Diet



The red panda has a very interesting diet. It is classified as a carnivore because it has sharp teeth and claws at the front of its mouth. Its diet contains grasses, roots, fruits, acorns, berries, insects, small birds, bamboo, and small bird eggs. This animal

actually make it a carnivore because its diet contains of plants and meat. Since the red panda eats small bird eggs and small birds, the red panda is a predator. The red panda is also prey because various types of leopards hunt the red panda for food. The red panda has a extra wrist bone shaped into a sixth digit meant for grasping their prey and gripping onto tree branches. The red panda has a very interesting liking for bamboo. Bamboo actually makes up 43% of a red pandas diet.

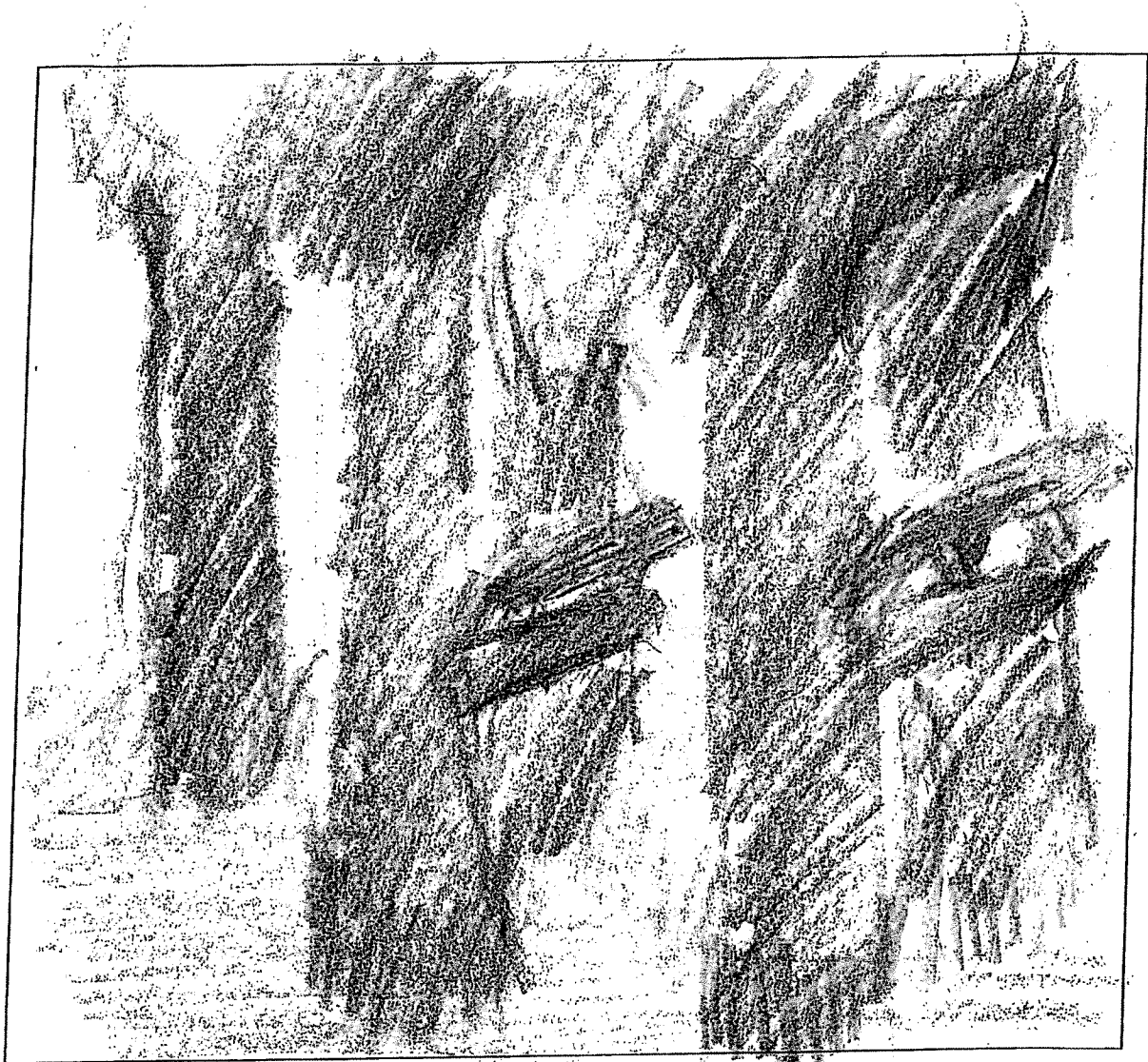
Habitat



The red panda is very hard to find in the wild. They live in the Mountains of Nepal and northern Myanmar. They also can be found in central China and the forests of the Himalayas at elevations ranging from 15,500 feet. Their habitat contains food like

bamboo and water to drink. They need
branches to climb on to stay active
with. Another thing red pandas need in their
habitat is other pandas to mate with. This
way their population will grow.

Behavior



The red panda is a very shy animal. They love climbing on tree branches and playing with other red pandas. They also love to eat bamboo. Red pandas are usually solitary creatures. They only interact with other animals. Red pandas are extremely protective of their

territory. They do not let untrusted red pandas onto their marked territory. Red pandas do not live in groups except after mating. Red pandas only sometimes sleep. When cubs are born, they stay in the nest with their mother for about 90 days on average. Being agile climbers, red pandas use their long flexible tails to balance and support themselves when climbing atop branches. Red pandas usually sleep with their head tucked under a hind leg, or with a leg wrapped around a branch.

FUN FACTS

- 1. Red pandas are endangered and dangerous close to becoming extinct.
- 2. Red pandas are classified as relatives to the giant panda and racoon.
- 3. Even though they can be active during the day, red pandas are nocturnal.
- 4. Even though they are good climbers, red pandas feed themselves mainly on the ground.
- 5. Red pandas carry their young with their mouth.
- 6. Red pandas are active in the morning and at sunset.

Glossary

omnivore

an animal that eats both
plants and meat.

predator

an animal that eats other
animals

prey

an animal that is hunted
by other animals

habitat

the area that an animal
lives in