

The Storm Unicorn

The Storm unicorn is a majestic and unique type of unicorn that, due to being hunted for their magical qualities, has become very rare.

Where does it live?

Like the Common Unicorn, the Storm Unicorn lives in forests. They are very shy and therefore not often seen. During the daytime, they sleep under bushes or curled up amongst ferns. At night, the Storm Unicorn emerges and, if you are lucky, can be seen by moonlit pools. They are easy to detect because they make a low rumbling sound as they breathe.

What does it eat?

Storm Unicorns have a fairly limited diet. Mainly, they live on leaves, grass and other forms of vegetation. However, they can also be tempted with apples. Additionally, some like to eat nuts.

What does it look like?



Storm Unicorns have the body of a horse and a long horn. The horn is usually of a spiral shape and sticks out from the middle of its head. Most common unicorns are a light purple colour with flashes of gold and silver. As a Storm Unicorn moves, it sends out showers of tiny, electric splinters. Care must be taken close to a Storm Unicorn because their bodies can give off an electric shock!

Save the Unicorns

Unfortunately, because Storm Unicorns have magic in their horns, this means that they have been hunted almost to extinction. Their horns are ground down into a paste that can be used to enchant even the cruelest of tyrants. Over the years, so many unicorns have been killed that they have learned to stay away from mankind.

Did you know?

- ◆ The last known sighting of a Storm Unicorn was in 1673 by a man called Dr Dapper who claimed that he saw one while walking in the woods.
- ◆ Amazingly, Storm Unicorns can bring you great luck. For this reason, many people still hope to catch a glimpse of this fiery creature.

The Bangkok Ridge-Back

The Bangkok Ridge-back is a rare form of dragon which is only seen at night.

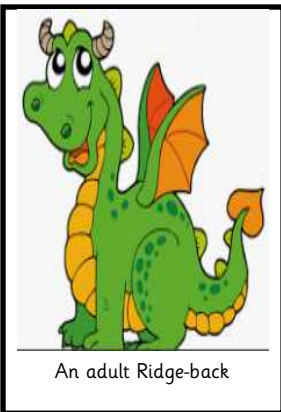
Where does it live?

Ridge-backs are found across the city of Bangkok, especially in parks and gardens where they feel safest. Particularly fond of large, leafy areas, which provide them with camouflage, they tend to nest in large trees. Because they only fly at night, they are very rarely seen.

What does it eat?

These shy and gentle creatures are vegetarians. Feasting mostly on vegetation found in their habitat, Ridge-backs enjoy a steady diet of leaves, grass and pond algae. The myth that dragons are carnivores has been perpetuated by fairy tales throughout history. However, contrary to popular belief, they never eat meat and will not even eat mice or insects.

What does it look like?



An adult Ridge-back

Ridge-backs are easy to identify as they are the smallest dragon in South-East Asia. They are the size of a cat and covered in shiny scales. The adult Ridge-back is a dark green colour with an orange stomach and tail, which enables it to hide in both trees and tall grass. However, juveniles are born with a yellowish tinge and their wings usually will not develop until they reach adolescence.

Save the Unicorns

For many years, Dragonologists have been concerned that Ridge-backs might be mistaken for other species of Dragon and therefore become hunted. Where nests have been discovered, their location is kept secret. Enthusiasts can help to save Ridge-backs by leaving vegetable peelings in likely Ridge-back hiding spots, such as by trees or leafy bushes.

Myth-Busters

- ◆ Although their breath is warm, they do not breathe fire. Ridge-backs present no danger to humans, and indeed, some have been tamed as household pets.
- ◆ Although dragons are renowned for hoarding treasure, the Ridge-back shows no interest in gold, silver or any valuable stones. Unusually, their only interest is in playing chess; in fact several Ridge-backs have become world champions.