

# Fact Box

A fact box is a box that gives facts for someone or something.

Lions certainly score high on the deadliest list, but they don't take the number one spot. And if you think all of Earth's most dangerous creatures are big, fierce hunters, you're in for some surprises.

## Surprise 1:

Some deadly animals eat only plants.

Red kangaroos spend their days quietly nibbling on grasses, but when they feel threatened, watch out! A hard kick in the chest can break a person's ribs and collapse the lungs.



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## Surprise 2:

Some deadly animals are smaller than the palm of your hand.

Oak processionary (sounds like PRO-seh-shen-ary) caterpillars are only 2 inches long, but beware of their hairy bristles. They can cause rashes, asthma attacks, and even deadly allergic reactions.



## Surprise 3:

Some deadly animals may be closer than you think.

Rattlesnakes live throughout the United States, and they bite about 8,000 people each year. Even though rattlesnake venom is deadly, most people get treated quickly and survive.

### DEADLY DEFINITIONS

**ALLERGIC:** When the body responds to something with a rash, breathing trouble, or even death

**VENOM:** A poisonous liquid inside some animals' bodies

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A fact box tell people extra facts about something or someone that you won't always find in the text.