

April Activity Sheet

### Activity #1:

Visit the Academy April 7–8 and April 14–15 for Animal Superhero Weekends. You might find some of the animal superheroes listed below when you visit Outside In today!

### Activity #2:

The pronghorn is the fastest animal found in North America (hint, hint). Visit the pronghorn diorama in North American hall to learn more about this super speedy animal.

### Activity #3:

Visit on April 21 for Scientist Saturdays. Academy malacology\* graduate students will show you how to identify snails. Learn more about snails with the activity on the back of this sheet.

\*Malacology is the study of mollusks.

# **Animal Superheroes**



## The Academy of **Natural Sciences** of DREXEL UNIVERSITY

### **Regular Hours:**

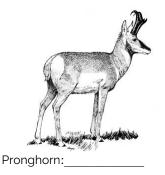
Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Weekends and Holidays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Get your April stamp at the Visitor Services Desks.

If you have eight stamps, it's time to collect your prize in the Academy Shop!

How much do the superheroes of the animal kingdom inspire the superheroes (and supervillains) of comic books and movies? More than you think! From super-sight to super-speed, the animals below have REAL superpowers! Can you identify which power belongs to which animal? After you've made your guesses, learn more on the back of this page.





Eagle:



Hercules Beetle:



Rat:

SUPERPOWERS: SUPER-SIGHT SUPER-STRENGTH SHPER-INTELLIGENCE SUPER-SPEED

Super-sight: Eagle; Super-strength: Beetle; Super-intelligence: Rat; Super-speed: Pronghorn

## **Exhibits and Events**

Crocs: Ancient Predators in a Modern World Open through May 6

**Animal Superhero Weekends** 

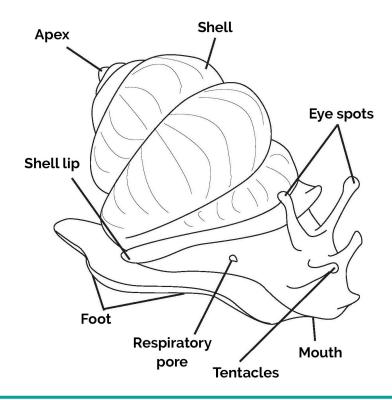
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#### **Scientist Saturdays**

April 21, May 19 and June 16

## **Snail Anatomy**

While coloring the snail below, learn more about the body parts of these fascinating creatures.



## Learn more about animal superheroes!

#### **Eagle:**

It is estimated that eagles can see clearly four to eight times further than humans. The muscles in the eyes continuously adjust to maintain sharp focus.

#### **Hercules Beetle:**

Some reports suggest male Hercules beetles can lift 850 times their body weight. That's like a human lifting 65 tons, or 10 African elephants!

#### Rat:

Rats can perform tricks, master puzzles, run through mazes and solve problems.

#### **Pronghorn:**

The pronghorn can run nearly as fast as a cheetah with top speeds of 55 mph. But a pronghorn can run much further distances than a cheetah.