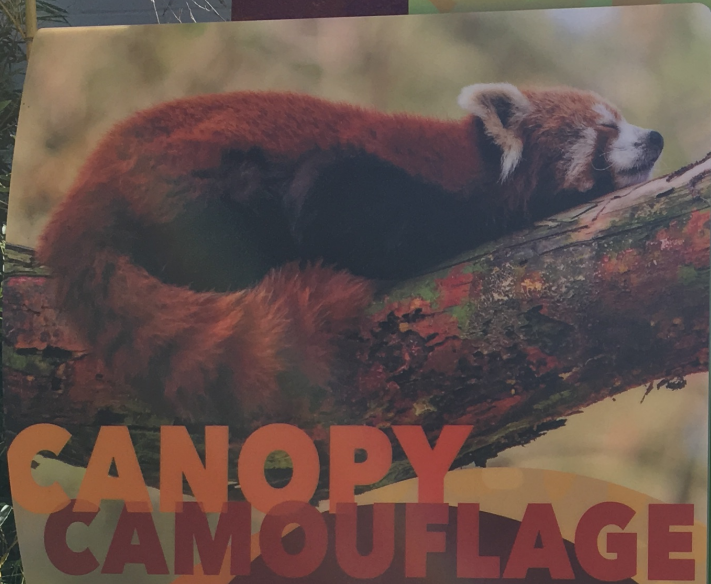


Treetops

Chicago Zoological Society scientists designed the manmade tree in this exhibit to promote natural behaviors in the red pandas.

Through its Center for the Science of Animal Care and Welfare, the Chicago Zoological Society is dedicated to providing top-quality care and enriching lives to all of the animals at Brookfield Zoo.

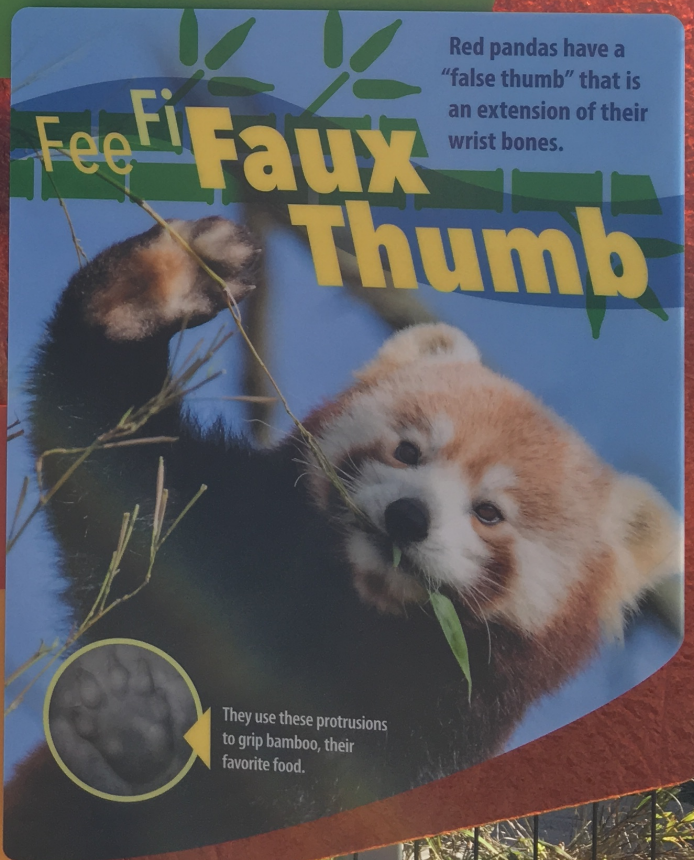
The tree offers a combination of the familiar with an element of surprise by opening automated doors spontaneously, sometimes to reveal food treats, sometimes not. This stimulates the animals' natural foraging behaviors, giving them a mental and physical edge.



CANOPY CAMOUFLAGE

Red and white fur easily blends in with the lichens and mosses that grow on the trees where red pandas spend most of their time.

The fur is thick and covers most of their body, including the bottom of their feet, to keep them warm.



Fee Fi Faux Thumb

Red pandas have a "false thumb" that is an extension of their wrist bones.

They use these protrusions to grip bamboo, their favorite food.

Red Panda

Ailurus fulgens

STATUS IN WILD

Least Concern
Near Threatened
Endangered
Critically Endangered
Extinct

¡HOLA!

El oso panda rojo

Estos osos no parecen ser parientes de los osos pandas gigantes por su tamaño y su color.

- Son un poco más grandes que los gatos domésticos.
- Por su color se pueden camuflar entre el bambú, los líquenes y el musgo.

SIZE

Up to 42 inches



WEIGHT

7 to 14 pounds



DIET

Bamboo leaves, blossoms, berries, and eggs



HABITAT

Cool temperate forests

RANGE

Southeast Asia

