

Red Pandas

ABLE TO:

- Make a sound called a “huff quack”
- As heavy as a housecat
- Eat the equivalent of 1 to 2 times their weight in bamboo each week

Unlike the name suggests, red pandas are unique and not related to giant pandas.

Red panda share many names: the firefox, first panda, lesser panda, red bear-cat, and the red cat-bear.

Built for a life in the forest these cute-looking creatures have fur on the soles of their feet that help them grip onto slippery mossy surfaces, red and black colored fur for camouflage, and a “thumb” which is an enlarged bone that allows them to grab bamboo stems and tree branches.

They are most active in the morning and evening, spending most the day conserving their energy.

When it gets really cold red pandas can wrap their tail around themselves and go into a really deep sleep.

Red pandas are elusive and rarely-seen mammals found on the other side of the world (in the mountain forests of Nepal, India, Bhutan, China and Myanmar).

Red pandas are one of the few animals on the planet that can climb straight down a tree, head-first!

