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collective species research

Cloud BAT
Carribean tent making bat_Ectophylla alba

Stingless Mayan bee_Melipona beecheii

flutter BUTTERFLY
Mourning Cloak Nymphalis antiona

murder CROW

American Crow_ Corvus brachyrhynchos brachyrhynchos

knot FROG Cuban tree frog _Osteopilus septentrionalis

kit PIGEON Band tail pigeon_Patagioenas fasciata

CITCUS PUFFIN

army SILKWORM

Domestic mulberry silkworm_Bombyx mori

SCUTTY SQUIRREL
Southern flying squirrel_Glaucomys volans

flight SWALLOW
Barn swallow_ Hirundo rustica erythrogaster

You are now commencing a month long design project. The stages of design and production will be introduced to you episodically but you should know that on November 19th you will have a red line pin-up and that December 3rd will be your final review.

The ARCOLOGY assignment is going to require some deep and unfamiliar research. You will be working individually to design an architecture for a collective species. The structure will be designed to be shared with a single human keeper. You will choose one of the species listed HERE and everyone in your studio will take a different creature. The cooperative research groups for species information will share the material, rigorously record sources and critique the findngs.

Over the long weekend you should explore as many sources of understanding for the habitat requirements and behavior of your species as you can. Questions you should ask are;

The species might be migratory, what climates does it thrive in and where are these found geographically and at what times of year? How does its breeding season differ behaviorally from other times of year? What locational and population changes have occurred as a result of climate changes over the last 30years? What are their predators and what do they predate? Are there parasitic species that they rely on or for whom they are relied upon? What is their diet? What exercise do they take? Be strategic and thorough with your research directions, work as a team and divide the work between you.

DELIVERABLES

Submit three preferences for differing species on google form (link emailed to you) with an argued reason for each choice. (50words min for each.) This form should be completed by 10pm tonight 10/24 and you will be assigned your species by 9.00am 10/25.

Lay out 5# 11x17" sheets with research findings.on all aspects of your species.

Upload one sheet to each of your RTB areas.



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