

Saplings Colouring Package #9







Did You Know?

Ten Fun Facts About Polar Bears

1. Polar bear skin is actually black to absorb heat from the sun, while their hair is transparent and hollow, reflecting light to appear white.
2. Polar bears are considered marine mammals because they spend most of their lives on Arctic sea ice and depend on the ocean for food.
3. A polar bear can smell a seal on the ice from up to 20 miles (32 km) away.
4. Polar bears use their large front paws to paddle and hind legs as rudders, allowing them to swim for over 60 miles without resting.
5. Polar bears are not really white. Their fur is actually pigment-free; it is translucent and scatters light, making them appear white.
6. Adult male polar bears can weigh over 1,500 lbs and stand over 10 feet tall, making them the largest land-based carnivore.
7. Polar bears' paws have small bumps called papillae and thick fur that help them grip the ice and prevent slipping.
8. Due to shifting sea ice, polar bears can go for months without eating, relying on stored fat.
9. Less than 2% of their seal hunts are successful, making them patient, "still-hunters" who wait at breathing holes.
10. Similar to other carnivores, they have 42 razor-sharp teeth designed for eating meat and blubber.

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