

# YOUR MISSION DRAGON GARDEN

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## Your Mission, Should You Choose to Accept it: Dragon Garden

Here are dragons! Dragons are mythical creatures that are used to tell stories. These legendary animals have appeared in stories and art from all over the world. Now, it's your turn to create your own story and discover the dragons that are visiting Fairchild.

### READY, EXPLORERS, LET'S GO!

**1.** Our expedition begins at #2 on the map. The Bornean Dragon is inspired by the diverse animals of the tropical rainforests of Borneo, such as earless monitor lizards and giant pythons. According to local legend, there may even be a dragon at the top of the tallest mountain!

Find the rainforest on your map and head that way. What plants and animals do you see as you walk through it?

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**2.** Head to #16 on the map to continue your quest. This dragon comes from East Asian countries such as China, Korea, and Japan. It is known as being kind and lucky...if you don't upset it. These dragons are usually a mix of nine animals—a very lucky number!

Pick 9 of the characteristics below to create and draw your own Eastern Dragon:

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| Four legs  | Snake neck   | Clam belly    |
| Stag horns | Cow ears     | Fish scales   |
| Camel head | Long body    | Eagle claws   |
| Snake tail | Cat whiskers | Gorilla hands |

Draw your own Eastern Dragon here:

**3.** Onwards to #5 on the map to find the Friendly Dragon! This dragon loves to relax, pick wildflowers, and recite poetry. Choose some words to finish our Dragon's new poem below!

\_\_\_\_\_ (exclamation)! I, the Friendly Dragon, have been around for \_\_\_\_\_ (number) years!

I love to be outside during my travels, and listening to \_\_\_\_\_ (sound) is music to my ears.

Even though I have features like \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) wings and an alligator face, I promise I'm not so mean.

The beautiful plants \_\_\_\_\_ (verb ending in -ing) at Fairchild make me feel so happy!

My favorite part is when people read me their poems, even those that are \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective).



4. Continue your quest to #3 on the map. Wyverns are angry little dragons! While they have no front limbs, they have legs, wings, and a venomous barbed tail to attack anything that crosses their path! Throughout history, the Wyvern has been represented in family crests, coat of arms, and even as a mascot for schools and athletic teams.


What animal or mythical creature would you want on your coat of arms? Design your shield below:



Draw here:



5. Look out, Explorer! #6 is where you'll find the largest lizard on Earth, the Komodo Dragon! Native to Indonesia, they can grow up to 10 feet long and are apex predators—they'll even eat the bones of their prey!

Take a picture of your fiercest predator stance. Tag @FairchildGarden and #DragonGarden 

Komodo Dragons are an endangered species threatened by deforestation. Why are trees important for animals? Why are trees important for humans?

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You're now an official mythical creature explorer! All great explorers record their adventures.

What was the most interesting thing you learned today?

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| 1  Dragonfly       | 11  Manticore      |
| 2  Bornean Dragon  | 12  Western Dragon |
| 3  Wyvern          | 13  Ice Dragon     |
| 4  Amphiptere      | 14  Bunyip         |
| 5  Friendly Dragon | 15  Quetzalcóatl   |
| 6  Komodo Dragon   | 16  Eastern Dragon |
| 7  Sea Serpent    |                                                                                                       |
| 8  Ninki Nanka   |                                                                                                       |
| 9  Cockatrice    |                                                                                                       |
| 10  Basilisk     |                                                                                                       |



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