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Share Shares 59 Every corner of our planet is teeming with breathtaking natural formations. Some, such as the aurora borealis, are well-known by many. Others lie undiscovered and waiting within the inner reaches of rain forests and oceans. Some of these phenomena can only be found in the exotic realms of faraway places. Fortunately, there are others that can be viewed in your own backyard. Instead of a normally smooth surface, this lake appears to be covered in giant, colorful polka dots! The colors even change depending on the conditions of the water, ranging from a sulfur yellow to the deepest of blues. In fact, it is said that the lake contains the highest concentrations of minerals in the world, so much that they were mined and made into ammunition during World War I. During the hot summers in the surrounding desert, the water evaporates into the small puddles while the salts crystallize in between to form walkways. To the Okanagan First Nations people, the lake harbors special medicinal properties. While it was saved from housing a spa on its shores in the s, it is now fenced off and protected as a sacred site. Still, it is easy to view the strange and enormous pools from a distance as the glassy, mirrorlike formations are hard to miss. Floating up in high altitudes, these Kelvin-Helmholtz clouds are fun to look at but not to surf. Formed when two air currents at different speeds collide with each other, they resemble the wavy, curved rise and fall of the sea. The clouds have a flat, horizontal base, and the waves on top are evenly spaced. They are most easily formed on a windy day when the layers of air are apt to meet each other. As warm air stacks on top of cooler air, the faster layer on top transforms the cloud into the whimsical shape. It is a breathtaking sight of millions of tiny creatures coming together to perform this aerial stunt. The enormous shape contracts and expands, soaring through the skies in whirling formation. Is it a swarm of locusts or some rare weather phenomenon? Instead, it is a formation of thousands upon thousands of starlings. Starlings are ordinary songbirds that feed on seeds and insects. While their black plumage has a glossy iridescence up close, they are often regarded as pests because of the damage they cause to crops and airplanes. Yet, these small birds prove that strength lies in numbers. Starting in the autumn season, thousands of starlings flock together in what is known as a murmuration, with numbers swelling to , A murmuration of more than six million was recorded in Somerset in ! Together, they fly in search of places to roost during dusk. Though the hypnotic formations are breathtaking to look at, murmurations are not just for show. They provide safety for the birds as predators have a much harder time picking out a single target among thousands. Bigger flocks also mean warmer roosts in the chilly months. In addition, they are better able to socialize and share information on where to find food. With a reaction time of milliseconds, they are vigilantly aware of the speed and direction of the birds around them. They adjust accordingly so that the entire murmuration may reach speeds of 32 kilometers per hour 20 mph! Yet some of these icebergs are not ordinaryâ€”they seem to be covered in an array of black, brown, yellow, and blue stripes! With the appearance of marbled gemstones , these decorated icebergs are formed when chunks of freshwater ice come into contact with the seawater beneath them. The seawater, which contains sediment and minerals, freezes into the ice and develops beautiful dark bands around it. As the iceberg is shaped by the waves and wind, the colored layers are further warped into different patterns. Water with algae results in a green tint, resulting in these beautiful natural formations. Science Daily The grass has an odd gray tint to it. In fact, everything is wrapped in a blanket of fine, see-through silk: This dusty covering was actually created by thousands of tiny spiders, leaving behind a world encased in creepily billowing sheets that resemble something out of a haunted house. The gigantic webs can span a whopping 30 meters 98 ft. They are usually made after a flood or heavy rain, prompting the spiders to escape to higher ground. To do so, they release a thin strand of silk and let the wind carry them off like hot-air balloons, a process known as ballooning. In some cases, the webs are 0. National Geographic Fire rainbows are dazzling displays of light that resemble arching wings or feathers. Unlike your average rainbow, these are much more difficult to make. Cirrus clouds, or clouds that

resemble thin and wispy strands of hair, are located in high altitudes. It is only when the Sun is very high in the sky that fire rainbows can develop. If the crystals are lined up correctly, sunlight will bounce off the same way as in a prism, producing a breathtaking show of many colors. Instead, they are made of crystal. The crystals form when water evaporates and are shaped like flat plates that can measure up to 1 meter ³. Clusters of desert roses may be found together, giving the appearance of a sandy bouquet. The largest single rose was 25 centimeters 10 in high and weighed 57 kilograms lb , while the largest cluster tipped the scales at kilograms 1, lb. Indeed, with their unnatural appearance, the lakes seem otherworldly. The Lake of Old People is typically blue. While other strangely colored lakes are caused by bacteria, the explanations for these lakes are baffling. Although there is no confirmed answer, most agree that the interaction between minerals in the water and volcanic ash are the culprit. Fortunately, the reason behind this phenomenon is a lot less eerie. The falls run red due to high levels of iron and salinity, which explains why the water continues to flow instead of freeze. Their normally white petals become as clear as glass when they come into contact with water. During downpours, the normal-looking blossoms suddenly take on the appearance of crystalline structures. On rainy days, water soaks into the petals and increases light transmission to give them their transparent look. Once dry, they revert to white flowers. As they flourish on cold, forested mountainsides, the rare blooms are found in only three places on Earth: China, Japan , and the Appalachian Mountains. These white flowers are not just pretty. Scientists from China have put them to good use. They have created a transparent surface that repels oil while underwater, which has been used to develop diving goggles and other optical tools.

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People were coming in just to look at our collections of cool and creepy things! They thought we were an oddities shop at first! But all of this is like a window into the soul of Left Hand Black. With a strong support network within the local art scene, the two-part Left Hand Black experience caters to all of your tattoo and alternative art needs. Crystal Turk, owner and curator of Left Hand Black Gallery, remembers their choice to move back in There were no galleries near the area; it was needed. I wanted to bring art alive again within the community. However, I felt there were never enough good spaces to show art. I always expected more than I got constantly seeing the same style of art from the same artists, displayed in a boring manner. I wanted to change that and help bring art alive again. This has rewarded the gallery with a loyal customer base and the support of world-renowned artists across their exhibitions. With an average of cleavers to organise and hang at the annual event, Crystal is no stranger to the challenges and joys of curating. Often, one of her favourite elements is curating mini spaces within the larger room. I usually spend an all-nighter the night before with a bottle of wine and metal music hanging these shows! I enjoy my all-nighters. The theme is love, death, and sex. Turk and I both have a fascination for skulls and both of our styles are easily summed up as macabre. Since I was a child, my father and I would go skull hunting in the Cuyamaca mountains. My father would find skulls and clean them to sell; I kept a few of them from my childhood and started building them into little reliquaries. My style of art is definitely inspired with a bow to the nature gods. Creating little reliquaries for these found, abandoned beauties and giving them each a story to glorify. Remembrance and worship to nature itself. Turk has always been drawing skulls; he has a very distinct style, which has made him so significant in the tattoo world. The exaggerated teeth or cheekbones mixed with crazy amounts of details always makes a Turkskull. He paints beautiful watercolour and acrylic paintings as well as tattooing. Between art exhibitions, the gallery is filled with works from the resident artists at the shop, as well as other local artists and jewellery makers. Making sure that the tattooers at Left Hand Black are also celebrated, Crystal ensures that their original art has a permanent space to display while the remaining gallery walls evolve with the seasons. Left Hand Black Gallery will continue to surprise and inspire, supporting the broad range of artists and mediums found under the umbrella terms of Dark and Tattoo Art.

3: Top 10 Truly Extreme Noses - Listverse

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Share1 Shares Lots of bodily features get attention. There are songs exulting eyes, lips, butts, legs, breasts, hair â€” but never a nose. So, without further ado, here are some really extreme schnozzes. This list is courtesy of Sasha Rosser. You could probably land planes on that thing. Or maybe the Cloverfield monster uses goblin sharks as darts, and only allows those with the biggest noses to survive. One day, he discovered an unpleasant red bump on the tip of his nose, but did not seek medical attention due to poverty. As such, Fei rarely left his house, as he was thought to be a vector for illness. Eventually, a local hospital offered him free surgery, and a CT scan revealed that the cause of his troubles was a rhinocarcinoma, which they shrank via radiation. In general, the whole situation is undilutedly awful, but he did get free healthcare out of it. And any nose that gets you free healthcare is an extreme nose. But why include a silly rhinoceros on this list when a much larger, much more extreme version of such a nose once sniffed the earth? Of all the unicorn-like ceratopsids, the monoclonius has, by far, the largest nose horn. You could also wrap lights around it and pretend it was a small Christmas tree. You know the holidays get extreme when you use a dinosaur nose to supplement decorative traditions. It towers menacingly, Barad-dur-like, growling malediction in the language of Mordor. It snores, and tectonic plates shift. His masterful portrayal of said role then landed him an Oscar, not to mention the opportunity which was taken to ravish Halle Berry with a kiss. Getting an Oscar and making out with Halle Berry? Some have enormous ears, and some have enormous noses. These noses, in addition to lengthened mouth cavities and larynxes, enable male hammer-headed bats to emit loud honks. It probably comes as no surprise that the caliber of these honks influences how sexually attractive the males are to coeds. This phenomenon can be seen in full-throttle when males gather together, often around riverbanks, to compete for mates in a behavior known as lek mating. Effectively, a gaggle of males sit around trying to out-honk each other while the females fly around listening in for the finest honks, much like a bar scene where scads of males try out their pickup lines. Since nose size contributes to the quality of the honks, females select for the finest, and probably most pronounced, noses. When a nose determines whether one gets laid or not, one must submit to the extremity of said nose. Plus, these fellows can allegedly be used as hammers. And hammers are useful. And, also like many great men, Cyrano is profoundly ugly, due in large part to his large nose, which causes him great distress. People, cruel as they must be to make Cyrano pitiable, say that his nose is large enough to be used as an umbrella. In the eponymous play, Cyrano demonstrates mastery of duelling, music, wit and so on. He also writes beautiful love sonnets and the like, but is too shy to approach his buxom cousin with them. This mentally-impaired Adonis asks Cyrano to furnish him with the verbiage to fully woo Roxane, which Cyrano agrees to do. Roxane eventually falls in love with these words, and when she finally discovers that it is Cyrano who was behind them, she falls for him, nose and all. Plus, it can apparently be used to shield people from rain. You see that guy over there, with the nose? As with hammer-headed bats, nose size in proboscis monkeys underscores a sexual dimorphism in the species. And, once again as with hammer-headed bats, we can be sure nose size plays into how hot male proboscis monkeys are to the ladies. It would be fair to say that proboscis monkeys can have erections for noses. As the excitement rises, so does the level of blood saturation in their nasal tissue. With noses engorged thus, a resonating chamber is created that can amplify the sound of calls, especially warning signals. This is quite useful; if one proboscis monkey detects danger, he will become fearful and therefore excited, thus making him better at communicating danger to his compatriots. Super-siren nose that makes you look like Squidward? And the star-nosed mole possesses the most highly-developed touch organs known, right in its nose. It would be an understatement to say that the star-nosed mole has two hands growing out its face. Not to mention that a light knock to your hands does not kill you. Needless to say, star-nosed moles have mighty sensitive sniffers. Your nose barely even contains that many tactile nerve endings. How extreme is that? Oh and they paint, too. They also have trunks, which are, of course, just awesome noses. Elephant trunks are, in many ways, the equivalents of human hands. Elephants use them to

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greet one another, embrace and play. They use them to pick things up and put food and water in their mouths. They can bathe themselves by sucking up water into the body of the trunk and then spraying it on themselves. They can pick up tiny seeds without crushing them, plant them, wait for a tree to grow, and then uproot it. And, naturally, they can use their trunks to forage for or store goods in the butts of other elephants. The trunk is a nose that knows no bounds. And of course, elephants have stupendous olfactory senses, which are augmented by their ability to direct their trunks towards or away from the sources of aromas.

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