

I Am Not a Penguin: A Pangolin's Lament

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Synopsis: You have scales--like a snake? A long tongue--like a frog? A strong scent--like a skunk? You can roll in a ball--like an armadillo? And a name that sounds a lot like...penguin? We love penguins! What's a poor pangolin got to do to be understood?

Suggested Reading Date: February 20th (World Pangolin Day)

Activity Descriptions:

- Pangolin Coloring Page: <https://rachellshaw.com/2020/03/28/new-pango-colouring-page/>
- World Pangolin Day Site: <https://www.pangolins.org/> The website has all kinds of suggested activities that students could engage in if they wanted to take social action or just raise awareness regarding saving the pangolins worldwide. Their scales are desired and it has resulted in their species becoming endangered.
- Video featuring pangolins: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QY1qqZiaTU8> video from National Geographic features all kinds of good information about pangolins, but **stop watching it at about 4:57**, because after that the video discusses poaching of pangolins. A bit too intense for little ones.

Related Websites:

- Pangolin craft website: <https://rachellshaw.com/crafts-pangolin/> this website is precious and very focused on what students can do to help pangolins, plus crafts!
- At home or upper level craft: how to make your own felt pangolin companion (not an in-school activity): <https://rachellshaw.com/2021/02/14/make-your-own-pangolin-companion/>
- Pangopup crafts: <https://rachellshaw.com/2018/02/03/colour-in-a-pango-mom-and-pangopup/> (there are crafts on this same webpage—making a pangolin using a brad).
- Liz Wong's Website: <http://www.lizwongillustration.com/>

Text to Text Connections:

Roly Poly Pangolin by Anna Dewdney
P is for Pangolin by Anna Kierst
Pangolins by Victoria Blakemore

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