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# Sacramento Zoo armadillo missing

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(October 6, 2022) -- On the morning of October 6 Josephine, a six-banded armadillo, escaped from the Sacramento Zoo's Interpretive Center. Zoo staff immediately began searching the zoo, its perimeter, and the adjacent park. Despite this extensive search, the animal remains missing.

The animal is part of the zoo's education program and is accustomed to being around people. She does not pose a threat to humans or pets such as dogs or cats.

Six-banded armadillos are native to the grasslands of South America and can be active during the day or night. They are excellent diggers and will readily shelter underground. Armadillos have poor vision however they possess an excellent sense of smell. They typically eat small insects. Josephine is approximately 18 inches in length and weighs 12 pounds.



The Sacramento Zoo's first priority is the well-being and safe return of this animal. The zoo is seeking the public's help in locating her. If you see, or think you see the missing animal, please contact the Sacramento Zoo at **(916) 808-1952** to file your report.

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