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London Zoo takes annual headcount

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The London Zoo is almost 200 years old. And early in the morning, dozens of keepers are out to take a census of the zoo's entire population. They hold clipboards in one hand and food in the other as they carry out their work.



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There are over 800 species of animals at the zoo, numbering about 20 thousand. Among the endangered types is the silver-back gorilla, newly introduced to the facility in 2013.

The staff also perform health checks on the animals. The entire census will take at least a week, with fish and insects the hardest to calculate, as tracking devices cannot be attached to them. But no creature is left out - here, even the ants are counted.

