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Swamp Monsters

Do you ever wonder what might be lurking in the murky swamps of our world? Rumour has it that the fabled swamp monster is not just a creature mentioned in myth and legend but it actually exists! Now is your chance to find out all that has been discovered about this unique being.

Swamp monsters are rumoured to inhabit the most remote and humid swamps of the Amazon rainforest. Living in total solitude, it is believed that there is, perhaps, only one swamp monster on our planet, making it a mystery how they reproduce. Dr Patrick Thurston - world renowned monsterologist from Bristol University - could perhaps be the only living person ever to see this magnificent creature: "You cannot believe the pure majesty of the swamp monster. They seem as if they are 'one with the swamp' living in pure harmony with their habitat."

Swamp monsters don't just live in swamps they resemble them. Being experts in camouflage, they are indistinguishable from their environment. Their bodies are made from this environment: limbs of gnarled branches, incredibly long fingers and glowing, iridescent hair which changes colour to match their mood. The most incredible thing about a swamp monster is that they have translucent breathing tubes meaning they can stay underwater indefinitely but continue to breathe.

Have you ever wondered what a swamp monster eats? Their diet consists of herons, rats and even alligators which they hypnotise with their ever-staring, haunting eyes. Transfixed, any animal is helpless to the swamp monster who squeezes the life from them with its lean, powerful limbs. The swamp monster's tongue has the ability to taste the air; this allows it to identify when its prey is close by.

If you are now tempted to try and spot a swamp monster, we advise extreme caution! This beautiful but deadly creature should be left in solitude to be studied only by experts trained in monsterology.