David Attenborough at 100 – written into the wild

As broadcaster and naturalist David Attenborough turns 100, his legacy is not just on screen – it is written into the natural world itself, with dozens of species across land and sea bearing his name





1 Euptychia attenborroughi
Rare butterfly from tropical forests of South America; reflects David's lifelong passion for butterflies



2 Cascolus Ravitis
Crustacean fossil from UK; name combines Latin for Attenborough (Cascolus) and Roman name for Leicester (Ravitis), where David grew up

3 Zaglossus attenboroughi
Critically endangered egg-laying mammal – known as *Attenborough's long-beaked echidna* – from remote mountains of New Guinea





Note: Image of short-beaked echidna

5 Attenborosaurus conybeari: Extinct marine reptile from tropical seas of what is now southern England

4 Nepenthes attenboroughii
Giant carnivorous pitcher plant from summit of Mount Victoria, Philippines







6 Sirdavidia
Flowering plant discovered in Monts de Cristal National Park, Gabon



7 Materpiscis attenboroughi
Armoured prehistoric fish from Western Australia; oldest known vertebrate to give birth to live young

8 Sitana attenboroughii
Fan-throated lizard from coastal Kerala, India

9 Trigonopterus attenboroughi
Flightless weevil from Indonesia



10 RRS Sir David Attenborough: UK polar research ship named in his honour, extending legacy beyond natural world

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