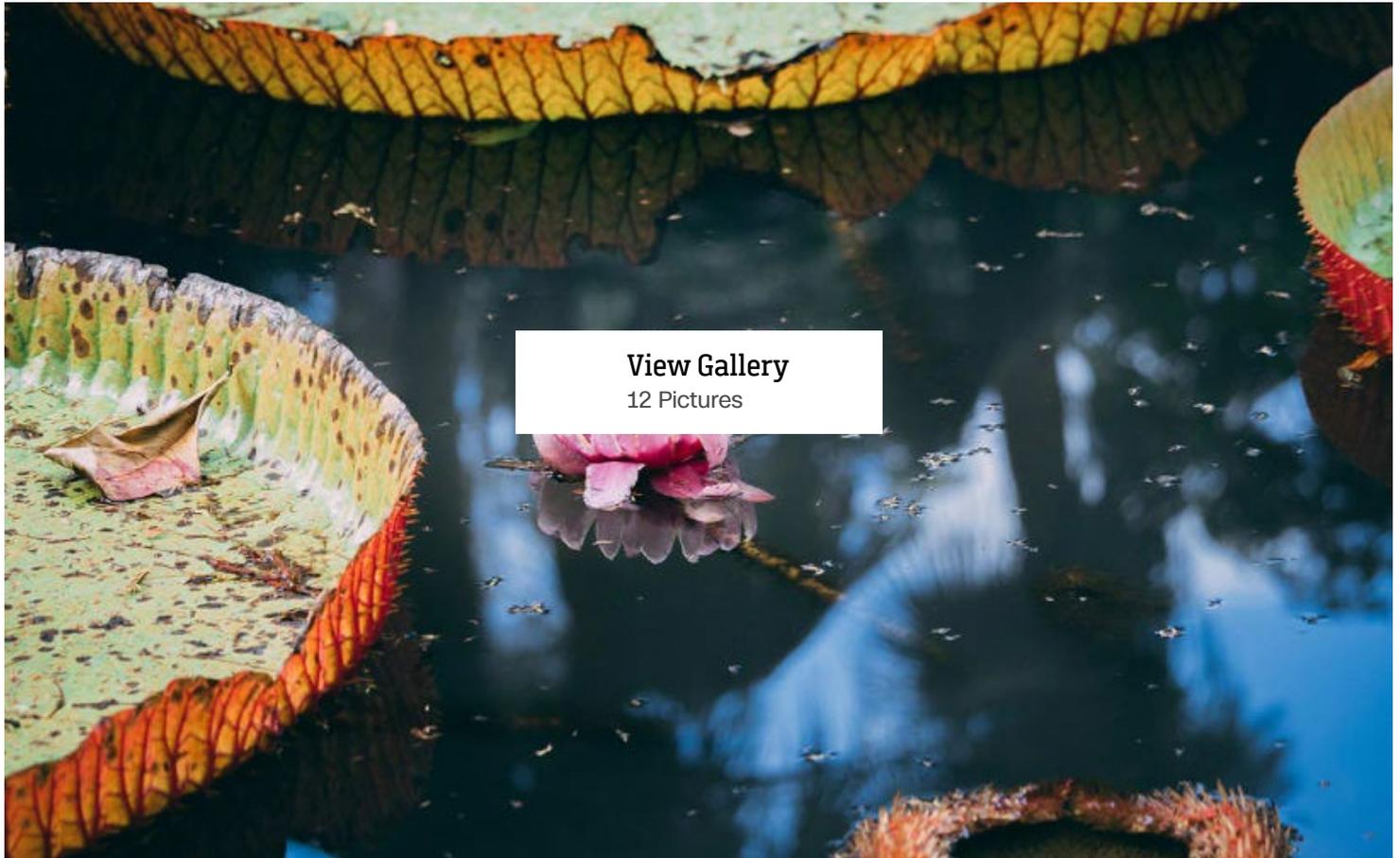


Where to see the largest flora and fauna on Earth

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(CNN) — Some of the largest animals to roam this planet are still alive today.

Astonishingly, the blue whale grows to be bigger than any dinosaur. Travelers can voyage to far corners of the globe to come across the largest whales, water lilies, primates and more.

These are 12 of the largest flora and fauna around the world:

Primate: Gorillas

Critically endangered eastern gorillas are the largest living ape and primates on the planet.

"All four gorilla subspecies are giant compared to humans, but the eastern lowland gorilla is the largest, with barrel-chested males sometimes weighing more than 450 pounds," says Rolf Skar, Greenpeace USA deputy campaigns director. They're also the largest mammal to build a nest, according to the [Guinness World Records website](#).



Eastern gorillas can weigh more than 450 pounds.

The eastern gorilla has two subspecies, the eastern lowland gorilla, found in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the mountain gorilla, found in the cloud forests of the Virunga Massif volcanic mountains in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda and Rwanda.

Bwindi Impenetrable National Park in Uganda, UNESCO World Heritage Site, is home to half of the world's mountain gorilla population.