

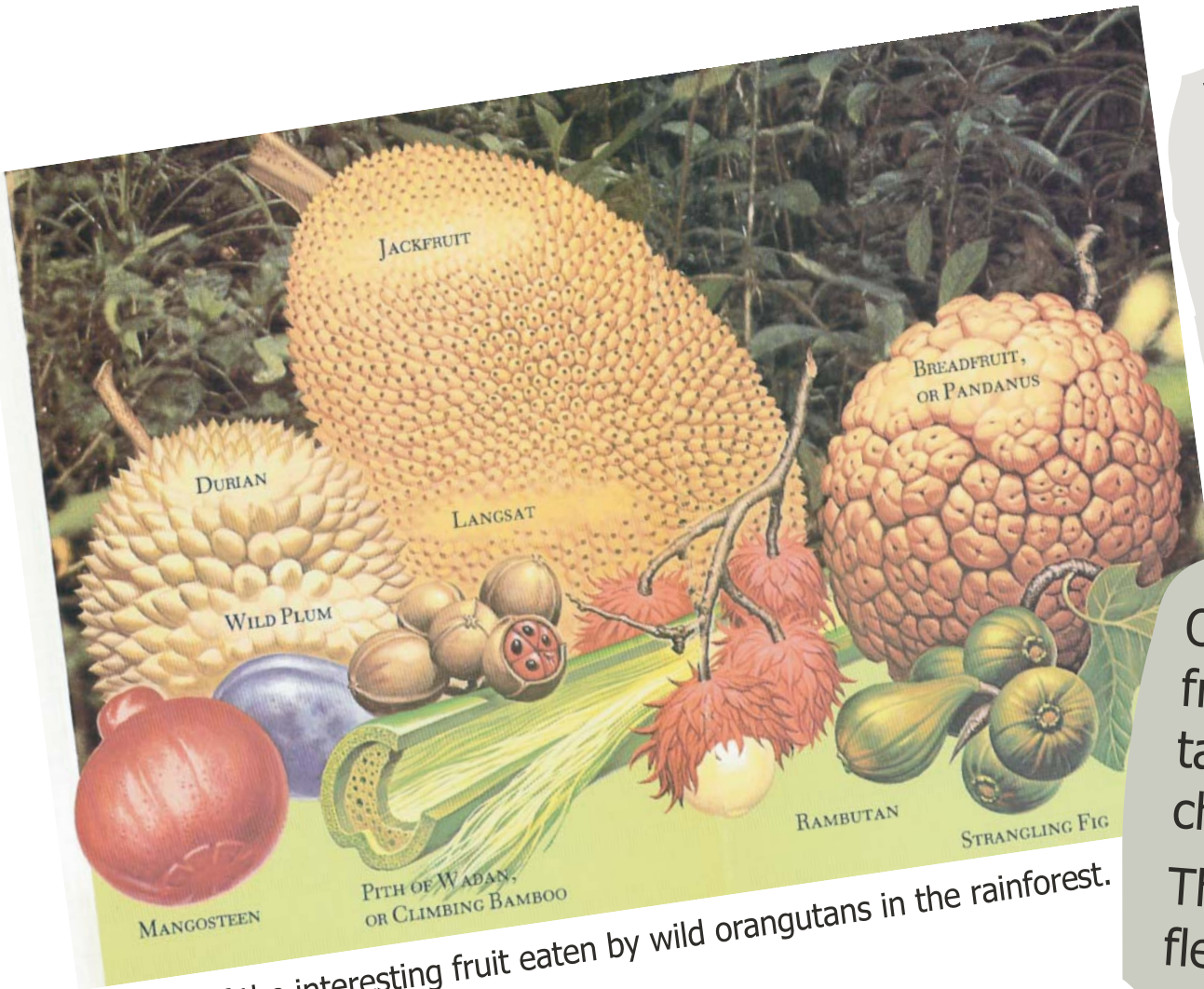
Eating is Everything

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Food is the consuming passion of an orangutan's life.

Every hour that an orangutan is awake, he is more likely to be looking for food than to be doing anything else.

Because orangutans are the largest-bodied fruit-eating animals on earth, they simply have to eat a lot of fruit and other things to survive.



Wild orangutans eat more than 300 kinds of foods. Orangutans primarily eat fruit, along with young leaves, bark, flowers, honey, insects, and vines.

One of their favorite foods is the fruit of the **durian** tree, which tastes somewhat like sweet, cheesy, garlic custard.

They discard the skin, eat the flesh and spit out the seeds.

Some of the interesting fruit eaten by wild orangutans in the rainforest.

In the zoo, every attempt is made to give orangutans the same kind of nourishment they get in the wild.

Here is a typical zoo diet...