

Tichurem Mifavoritidus

I'd like to announce a new species I've found:
Tichurem Mifavoritidus—how's that sound?

Well, *Mifavoritidus* is Latin for “best,
El primo, top banana, better than all the rest.”
Tichurem is Swahili for “one who helps see.”
Just ask a Swahilian; don't take it from me.

Okay, biology's not my first field of study;
I don't like dissecting and getting all bloody,
But I know the facts, and you're gonna hear 'em,
On *Mifavoritidus* of the genus *Tichurem*.

This kind neither flies nor floats in the ocean
Nor glides on the ground with a slithering motion.
They don't shed their skin. They do not lay eggs.
They don't run real fast. Some have hairy legs.
They're not dangerous; they won't sting us or bite us.
Quite friendly, this *Tichurem Mifavoritidus*.

Like fish in the oceans do, they live in schools.
They work very hard. Chalk and pen are their tools.
They hibernate too—similar to bears,
Except in the summers, by the pool, in lawn chairs.

They stick close to their young to help them survive.
Their litters are large—around twenty-five,
But they don't have to care for their young the whole day,
Just 8-ish to 3-ish, then they send them away.

But they work those kids hard, always testing and trying,
And in fact, some kids will say they're just dying,
But through all the gripes, and through many a groan,
Those kids do it to learn how to live on their own.

Now *Mifavoritiduses* have species related,
Like *Tichurem Okaymus* and *Tichurem Mihated*;
You all know those types; you've seen them before.
They just do their jobs and don't do much more.
The one special trait that those others don't share
Is, *Mifavoritiduses*, well—they *care*.

So this is the species of my dissertation.
Now I know there are some here in this congregation.
You may be endangered, but you're not yet extinct,
So to you, here's a message, and I'll be succinct:

Thank you. You're awesome. You'll always delight us.
Three cheers for *Tichurem Mifavoritidus*!