Animals and colours

1. What's in a name?
Shakespeare's plays frequently have unfamiliar names for animals and colours. Can you name the animals below and write in modern English what colour they are?

a) grizzled gib
   NAME ____________________________  COLOUR ____________________________

b) russet fitchew
   NAME ____________________________  COLOUR ____________________________

c) saffron pard
   NAME ____________________________  COLOUR ____________________________

d) pied paddock
   NAME ____________________________  COLOUR ____________________________

e) dun cat o’mountain
   NAME ____________________________  COLOUR ____________________________

2. Shakespeare's animals
a) Which Shakespeare play mentions the howlet, the paddock and the shough?
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b) Why would you be unlikely to encounter a cockatrice?
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c) Paddocks, bats and gibs were thought to act as a 'familiar' to witches. What do you understand by the term 'witch's familiar'?
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d) Why didn't Shakespeare mention kangaroos or pandas?
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e) In A Midsummer Night's Dream, who is told (while asleep) that she will fall in love with the first thing she sees when she wakes, ‘Be it ounce or cat or bear’?
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