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**Surprised!**

1891, [Henri Rousseau](#)



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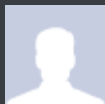
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Rousseau claimed that he had gained knowledge of the jungle while serving as a regimental bandsman in Mexico in the 1860s, but this seems to be a fiction and his paintings were probably inspired by visits to the botanical gardens in Paris and by prints. The figure of the tiger may have been based on a print after a [pastel](#) by [Delacroix](#).

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### Key facts

Artist	<a href="#">Henri Rousseau</a>
Artist dates	1844 - 1910
Full title	Surprised!
Date made	1891
Medium and support	Oil on canvas
Dimensions	129.8 x 161.9 cm
Inscription summary	Signed; Dated
Acquisition credit	Bought, with the aid of a substantial donation from the Hon. Walter H. Annenberg, 1972
Inventory number	NG6421
Location in Gallery	<a href="#">Not on display</a>



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