

**Canines** are the dog family. Long legs, upright ears and bushy tails.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Red Fox
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gray Fox
- \_\_\_\_\_ Coyote

**Marsupials** are animals that carry their young in special pouches.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Virginia Opossum

**Insectivores** are small animals who eat only insects.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Eastern Mole
- \_\_\_\_\_ Short-tailed Shrew

**Procyonids** are raccoons. Ours eat anything and like to wash their food.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Raccoon

**Chiropterans** are bats, the only mammals who can truly fly. Most of them are insectivores. The ones in the park are tree bats. They mostly roost in trees rather than caves.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Little Brown Bat
- \_\_\_\_\_ Big Brown Bat
- \_\_\_\_\_ N. Long-eared Bat
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tricolored Bat
- \_\_\_\_\_ Eastern Red Bat
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hoary Bat

**You should never try to feed or pet any wild animals. Watch them from a distance.**

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## Checklist of Mammals



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Did you know you are a mammal? Mammals are an incredibly diverse group of animals. How do we know it's a mammal?

All have hair or fur and are warm blooded. Most young are born live, not hatched from eggs.

Females have special glands called mammary glands, with which they feed their young milk. They take good care of their babies.

They have specialized teeth, depending on what they eat.

They all have four legs.

Lets look at what we might find in the park.

**Rodents** make up 40% of all Mammal species. Their front teeth, the incisors, never stop growing so they have to gnaw a lot to keep them worn down.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Beaver
- \_\_\_\_\_ Groundhog
- \_\_\_\_\_ Eastern Chipmunk
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gray Squirrel
- \_\_\_\_\_ S. Flying Squirrel
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pine Vole
- \_\_\_\_\_ Meadow Vole
- \_\_\_\_\_ White-footed Mouse
- \_\_\_\_\_ Deer Mouse
- \_\_\_\_\_ House Mouse
- \_\_\_\_\_ Muskrat

**Mustelids** have scent glands, and tend to be smelly. Most are tube-shaped, and they are carnivores. They eat meat.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Striped Skunk
- \_\_\_\_\_ Common Mink
- \_\_\_\_\_ River Otter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Least Weasel
- \_\_\_\_\_ Long-tailed Weasel

**Lagomorphs** are rabbits and hares. They have four front teeth, incisors, that grow continuously. They are all herbivores, eating only plants.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Eastern Cottontail

**Ursidae** are bears. They are large, strong animals that are omnivorous. They eat both meat and plants, just like we do.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Black Bear

**Ungulates** are hooved animals. They mostly eat plants, so they are herbivores. They are the animal you will most likely see here in the park.

- \_\_\_\_\_ White-tailed Deer