




Wildlife Identification



Wildlife ID

- You don't have to identify wildlife in order to enjoy them
- But being able to identify what you see can be fun and interesting, like solving a mystery



Ways to Identify the Wildlife You See

- Ask somebody nearby who is more experienced with the area
- Go to a zoo or natural history museum and search for what you saw
- Go to a place where certain animals are known to be and try to identify them
- Look up the animal in habitat guides or field guides



Birds For Example - What Are The Important Clues?

- Shape and size
- Color(s), markings
- Location
- Behavior
- Song or call

Cinnamon Teal



Western Tanager



Lark Bunting





Investigating Wildlife Evidence: Who Dunnit?

- Wildlife leave signs of their presence, even when you don't see the animal itself
- Examples of signs include:
 - Tracks
 - Scats
 - Food leftovers
 - Feathers
 - Fur
 - Discarded skin



Who Dunnit Slide Show

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Grassland







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Bullsnake



Urban







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Flicker







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Beaver



Prairie Riparian Habitat







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Fox Squirrel



Foothills







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Coyote



Pine Forest





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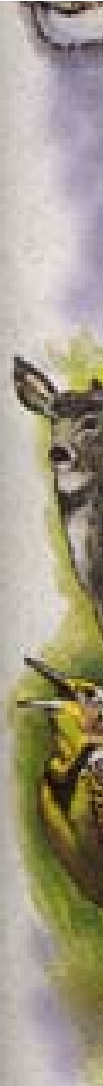


Cow Elk





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Eskers



Casts, castings

Wildlife Watch

Northern Pocket Gopher





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