

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