

INVERTBRATES

Common Name	Image	Description	Call
Spring azure		Spring Azure Butterflies are about 1inch in width. The underside of their wings is off-white to pale blue in color and lacks any strong or distinctive markings or spots. The top of the wings is a bright blue in males and is somewhat duller in females.	N/A
Common wood-nymph		Wings are brown. Upperside of forewing has 2 large yellow-ringed eyespots. Lowerside of hindwing has a variable number of small eyespots.	N/A
Common ringlet		Wing color may range from dark orange-brown to pale cream, while the underside of the hindwing is gray-green with a wavy white median line and the underside of the forewing usually has a small eyespot near its tip. Common ringlet wingspan is about 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 inches across.	N/A

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Orange sulphur		Upperside of male yellow with orange overlay, yellow veins, wide black border, and dark black cell spot. Female yellow or white with irregular black border surrounding light spots. Underside hindwing spot silver with 2 concentric dark rings, and a spot above it.	N/A
Monarch		Upperside of male is orange with black borders and black veins; hindwing has a patch of scent scales. Upperside of female is orange-brown with black borders and blurred black veins. Both have white spots on borders and apex.	N/A
Viceroy		The viceroy butterfly is dark orange with black veins. A row of white spots edge its wings. Its color and pattern mimics the monarch butterfly's pattern except for a black horizontal stripe that crosses the bottom of its back wings. The viceroy caterpillar is white and olive-brown.	N/A
Dun skipper		Mainly a black species with just a hint of a lighter spot band on the hindwing. Both the male and female are very dark from above. The male has a barely-visible stigma that blends in with the dark color of the wings, while the female usually has two very tiny light spots in the middle of the forewing. In good light and especially in fresh specimens the head of the Dun Skipper is golden brown.	N/A
American copper		The forewing above is orange with black spots and a grayish-black border. The hind wing above is mainly dark gray with an orange border. Below, the front wing is similar to the upper surface but a lighter shade of orange, while the hind wing below is a much lighter shade of gray, with black dots throughout and a zigzag submarginal line.	N/A

Common Name	Image	Description	Call
Little wood-satyr		Above, brown butterfly with two prominent eyespots on the forewing and on the hindwing, usually one or two eyespots on the male and two on the female. In addition, there may be an additional smaller spot near the body. Below, there are two distinct lines across both wings, two eyespots on the forewing, and two large eyespots on the hindwing as well as several smaller ones.	N/A
Mourning cloak		Above, brownish/red color with a wide yellow margin, and a row of blue submarginal spots. Individuals seen in May or June are fairly worn, having lost their bright colors, and often appear dull brown, with their yellow border faded to white. Below, this species is brown with a white border, very well camouflaged among leaves and on tree trunks.	N/A
Eastern tiger swallowtail		Above: bright yellow with broad black stripes; females are dimorphic, some similar to the males and others are black with extensive blue scaling on the hind wings (photos 3 & 4; notice that you can see the tiger stripes on the third photo). Below: similar to the top side, mainly yellow background with bold black stripes; dark females have a shadow of the tiger pattern evident, at least in fresh individuals. Some females are a dark black color, but similar in markings and shape of wings.	N/A
Cabbage white		A plain white butterfly with a solid, black front wing tip, and with either one spot (male) or two spots (female) on the front wing. The hind wing beneath is pale yellow.	N/A

Banded hairstreak	Below, the Banded Hairstreak is brownish gray, like the Edwards' Hairstreak, but is slightly darker on average, with a band of rectangular spots, usually with the white prominent only on the outside. These spots are more or less connected into a band with which this species gets its name. On the back wing, there are several submarginal orange crescents, a blue spot not capped by orange, and an obvious tail.	N/A
Red admiral	Above, this species is a black butterfly with white subapical spots and characteristic red bands, one in the middle of the forewing and one on the margin of the hindwing. Below, the forewing is similar to the forewing above, but the hindwing is a mottled black color that makes this species difficult to see on a tree with its wings closed. These look similar to American coppers, but while American coppers have black wingspots, red admirals have white wingspots.	N/A



AMPHIBIANS

Common Name	Image	Description	Call
Spotted salamander		yellow spots make it distinct; there are only a few salamanders in RI; turn over rocks in mud / still water to find them	N/A
Common mudpuppy		in the water; external gills	N/A
American toad	© Greg Lipps	1-2 warts/spot; large parotoid glands (large bumps behind eyes); often a stripe down the back	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6- 8pC8o5fw

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Gray treefrog		tiger-like pattern; toe-pads; 2 spots on top of eyes tilting in; bright orange or yellow at bend in legs	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kd5 c4p8-0M&feature=related
Northern Spring Peeper	Photo by Carl Brune	smaller frog, distinctive cross on the back	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uhBs NqF7Hkk
Green frog		huge tympanum (ear-like circle), almost as large as the eye; ridges going down back end on the body, and don't extend to the groin	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ryG MRGWbJeo
American Bullfrog		large tympanum (ear like circle); ridges do NOT extend down the back beyond the tympanum area	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtA dhpTKmgg&feature=fvw

Common Name	Image	Description	Call
Wood frog		frog with a "robber's mask"	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ca- ERYOrrU&feature=related



REPTILES

Common Name	Image(s)	Description	Call
Common snapping turtle		big head and jaws, keel on tail and often on scutes (these are the shapes that make up the carapace, or upper shell).	N/A
Painted turtle		large spaces (lines) between scutes (these are the shapes that make up the carapace, or upper shell). Red "paint" swirls around the edges; dark spots in center of plastron (belly shell)	N/A
Box turtle		carapace (upper shell) is a high dome, plastron (belly shell) has moveable hinge (when scared they go all the way inside); carapace pattern can vary but often an intricate yellow and black pattern.	N/A

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Spotted turtle		our only spotted turtle; spots can vary greatly in number; plastron (belly shell) has dark blotches.	N/A
Wood turtle		carapace (upper shell) has many distinct ridges; the "sculptured" turtle; skin is orange-red, though this can fade with age; black blotches on plastron (belly shell)	
Musk turtle		smaller turtle; egg-shaped; pointy head with 2 light stripes; barbels on chin and throat; tiny plastron (belly shell)	N/A
Eastern milk snake		Red-black-yellow pattern distinct in RI	N/A

Reptiles, continued

Common Name	Image(s)	Description	Call
Common water snake		Seen in or by water; very dark brown blotches down the back, and a similar alternating pattern down the sides; light belly with dark spots and half-moons. note: this one gets confused for the venomous Cottonmouth or "water moccasin" which aren't found north of VA; there are NO venomous	N/A
Dekay's brown snake	UGA2131043	small snake; brown with wide, light back stripe bordered by 2 parallel rows of dark spots	N/A
Common ribbon snake		skinnier than a garter snake; stripes are brighter and more well-defined; dark stripe along belly margin	N/A
Eastern garter snake		pattern in stripes can vary; larger than a ribbon snake; stripes are less defined; lighter stripe along belly margin	N/A

Common Name	Image(s)	Description	Call
Eastern Smooth Green Snake		obvious	N/A
Northern Black Racer		obvious	N/A



BIRDS

Common Name	Image(s)	Description	Call
Sharp-shinned hawk i,m i = immature m = mature		under-side of shoulders (primary feathers) blends with the rest of the wing in flight	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Sharp- shinned_Hawk/sounds high pitched, short, repeated call
Cooper's hawk		their wings and thick dark bands on the tail. A medium-sized hawk with classic accipiter shape: broad, rounded wings and a very long tail.	seconds long, given by both sexes in defense of the nest,
Red-tailed hawk			

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Red-shouldered hawk		larger hawk; heavy dark bands on both sides of tail, red color on shoulders, not always seen from underside, but wings are translucent after primaries ("window wings")	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Red-shouldered_Hawk/soundshigh pitched, longer than sharp-shinned but shorter than red-tailed, repeated screech
American Kestrel		very small hawk; no other hawk has a red back and tail like this; "mustached" black-and-white face; dark tail tip; hovers with rapidly beating wings	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/American Kestrel/sou nds very similar to sharp-shinned, but quieter, and almost meeker
Osprey		very large; eagle-like head but with broad black cheek patch; only raptor you'll see plunging into water; clean white belly with black wrists	
Bald eagle m,i		very large; clean white head and tail	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Bald_Eagle/sounds range of low and high whistle sounds

Common Name	Image(s)	Description	Call
Turkey vulture		toned black wings; rocks and tilts unsteadily with wings slightly up, creating a shallow V. The head is a	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Turkey_Vulture/sound <u>s</u> loud hissing sound
Black vulture		Very similar to the Turkey vulture, but the underside of the wings are not two-toned black, but a solid black color. The head is black also, not red like the turkey vulture. May travel in groups, unlike the Turkey Vulture.	/guide/Black Vulture/id
Turkey		obvious; males display feathers	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Wild Turkey/sounds crescendo of gobbles
Ruffed grouse		unmistakable fan shaped tail	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Ruffed_Grouse/sounds Male drums with wings to produce a series of deep thumping sounds that increase in tempo.

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Great horned owl		very large owl; large horned ears; the "cat owl"	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Great_Horned_Owl/sounds adult: loud HOO-HOO. Juvenile: raspy screech
Eastern screech-owl	© Tom Vezo	our tiniest owl, with little ears; can be brown or grey	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Eastern_Screech- Owl/sounds whinny and/or bouncing trill
Barred owl		large owl; puffy head; dark eyes; striped are horizontal on chest and vertical on belly	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Barred Owl/sounds starts with hoo, hoo, hooo, then makes a sound like an electric drill
Great blue heron		our largest heron (stands up to 4' tall); blue-gray; folded neck in flight	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Great Blue Heron/so unds hoarse croak, much like a frog
Green heron m,i		much smaller heron, dark matte colors, with light yellow-orange legs	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Green_Heron/sounds kuk,kuk,kuk, kuk sound, followed by a load screech

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Glossy ibis		medium shorebird; deep glossy colors; long decurved beak	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Glossy_Ibis/sounds rubbery squeaks (almost like wet sneakers walking on a floor)
Spotted sandpiper s,w s = summer w = winter		in the summer chest is covered in spots; teeters up and down as if it is trying to balance; winter has olive-grey coat with a white line over the eye	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Spotted Sandpiper/so unds high pitched, fast paced tweet (repeated)
Killdeer		shorebird with two thick chest stripes	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Killdeer/sounds high pitched, fast paced KILL DEER sound
Black-bellied plover s,w		Small shorebird; In the winter, belly is solid black with white on under-tail between legs; in summer chest is clean; legs still darker than a spotted sandpiper	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Black- bellied_Plover/sounds similar to the call of a seagull
Sanderling s,w		smaller than black-bellied plover; lightly mottled back in winter with tiny black mark on shoulder	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Sanderling/soundshigh pitched, fast paced, rubbery squeaks

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Common tern s,w		gull; forked tail in flight; full black cap in winter, half-black in	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Common_Tern/sounds Calls a short "kip" and a harsh" "kee-arrr."
Gull			http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Herring Gull/sounds/classic "seagull" call
Canada goose			http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Canada Goose/sound s classic honking call
Mute swan			http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Mute_Swan/soundssoundssourdssou
Double-crested cormorant m,i		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Double-crested_Cormorant/sounds Deep guttural grunts.

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Common loon m,f m = male f = female		same with grey head and light grey beak; swim "low" in water	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Common_Loon/sound s tremulous wail
Bufflehead m,f		shaped the same and obvious in comparison to others listed here	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Bufflehead/sounds throaty cluck
Mallard m,f		female black duck by lighter coat and darker "dirty" bill; blue	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Mallard/soundsclassic "quacking" sound
American black duck		differs from female mallard by darker coat and clean, brighter bill. To make things more confusing,	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/American_Black_Duck /sounds similar to the mallard's "quack," but more
Belted kingfisher m,f	O Rick & Nora Bloven Roventhreis over:		http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Belted Kingfisher/sou nds loud, harsh rattle

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American crow		obvious in comparison to others listed here	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/American Crow/soun ds classic "caw" sound repeated
Common grackle		iridescent face, smooth coat, large well defined eye	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Common Grackle/sou nds short, high pitched squeal/tweet
European starling w,s		colorful in winter, more like the grackle in winter but smaller, with darker eye and still some spots	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/European Starling/so unds high pitched trills and tweets
Rock pigeon		iridescent neck	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Rock_Pigeon/sounds throaty coos
Mourning dove			http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Mourning_Dove/soun ds low "hoo, hoo" sounds

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Chimney swift		blackish swallow-like bird; cigar- shaped body, no apparent tail; bat-like in flight (almost like it is beating one wing at a time).	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Chimney_Swift/soundspaces rapid high-pitched musical chip notes strung together into a rapid twitter
Bank Swallow		Dusky brown swallow above, white below except brown stripe under the neck. Small "swallow" tail. Distinguishable from the other swallows in flight by: no true swallow tail (this would be a barn swallow), brown stripe under chin	at once.
Barn swallow		our only swallow with a true swallow-tail, and the only one with white tail spots; blue-black above like a tree swallow, but cinnamon brown below.	http://www.allaboutbirds.org
Tree swallow	Chargonal of	blue-black above, dusky-brown when immature; all white below; small "swallow" tail	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Tree_Swallow/soundsseries of repeated whistles and twitters.
Eastern kingbird		black-grey above, white below; distinct white band across the tail tip;	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Eastern_Kingbird/sou nds "Ti-t-t-ti-zeer."

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Gray catbird		and tail tip; tail is rust below	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Gray_Catbird/sounds long, halting series of short notes. Sounds include whistles, squeaks
Dark-eyed junco m,f		white outer tail feathers (obvious when flying)	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Dark- eyed Junco/sounds musical trill of repeated tweets
Tufted titmouse	O Hand Sistralish	"mouse" colored; rusty patches by legs; crest on head; "acrobatic" in flight; often flying in pairs	
White-breasted nuthatch m,f		black caps, females with grey;	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/White- breasted_Nuthatch/sounds wha-wha-wha-wha-wha-wha- wha
Blue jay		larger than a blue bird with a crest and strip ed tail	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Blue Jay/sounds loud, repeated jeer

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Eastern bluebird m,f		smaller than a blue jay; rusty chest; female is duller blue; immature has grey-brown speckled chest, but still has blue on the wing	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Eastern_Bluebird/sounds chatter, chatter, tweet, tweet
Indigo bunting		short finch beak; male obvious with blue all over; female shaped and is the most "plain" brown finch	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Indigo_Bunting/sound s high pitched warbles
Rose-breasted grosbeak		short and stout beak; male obvious; female has white wing bars and a thick white eyebrow	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Rose- breasted Grosbeak/sounds rich warble
Red-winged blackbird m,f		male obvious; female with sharp pointed bill and distinct dark striping below	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Red- winged_Blackbird/sounds undulating screech
Northern cardinal m,f			http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Northern Cardinal/so unds cheer, cheer, cheer or birdie, birdie, birdie

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Cedar waxwing m,i	2008 David Filintick	mature obvious; both have black mask, tuft; yellow band on tail tip	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Cedar_Waxwing/sounds a high-pitched, trilled bzeee
Northern flicker		black chest mark make it unique among woodpeckers	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Northern_Flicker/sounds nds long, kyeer sounds with pauses between
Downy woodpecker		small-billed woodpecker with a white back and	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Downy Woodpecker/ sounds rapid pik, pik, pik, then drumming sound of beak against tree
Ruby-throated hummingbird m,f	E Seriy Mil	our only hummingbird	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Ruby-throated_Hummingbird/sounds cheeee-dit and thrum of wings
American robin m,f		obvious; females are paler but similar	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/American_Robin/soun ds cheer up, cheer up, repeated

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American goldfinch m,f	C Tim said	male obvious, though resembles female in the winter; female is a subdued version of a male.	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/American Goldfinch/s ounds long and variable series of twitters and warbles
House Finch M,f			http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/House Finch/sounds Male House Finches sing a long, jumbled warbling composed of short notes. The song often ends with an upward or downward slur, and lasts about 3 seconds
Yellow-rumped warbler m,f			http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Yellow- rumped_Warbler/sounds slow, soft, sweetly whistled warble or trillspeeding up as it ends
Red-eyed vireo		olive colored, with a white belly; black-bordered white eyebrow stripe with a red eye (can only see the red up close)	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Red- eyed Vireo/sounds downslurred tweets

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Carolina wren		reddish-brown above and buff below; conspicuous white eyebrow stripe; wren tails are often cocked upward	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Carolina Wren/id "tea-kettle, tea-kettle, tea- kettle"
Song sparrow		dark central spot	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Song_Sparrow/sounds starts with abrupt, well- spaced notes and finishes with a buzz or trill
House sparrow		males with distinctive black throat with white cheeks females with dull yellow eye-stripe and spot on the shoulder	/guide/House_Sparrow/soun
Field Sparrow M,f		brown speckles on their chest.	Song a series of clear whistled notes, increasing in rate until they become a trill, much in the same pattern as a bouncing ball.
Black-capped chickadee		cheeks; "acrobatic" in flight	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Black-capped Chickadee/sounds

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Baltimore Oriole M,f		Males have a mostly black back with distinctive bright orange coloring underneath. Females' colors are more subdued: the back is mostly brown rather than black, and the underneath is a more subtle orangey-yellow.	
Brown-headed Cowbird M,f	02/005 by Lang Elliot: All rights reserved.	Males are very dark brown with a lighter brown head. Females are very similar, but their entire bodies are a lighter brown.	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Brown-headed_Cowbird/id High-pitch clicks, whistles and chatter-like calls in addition to a flowing, gurgling song.
Common Yellowthroat M,f		Males have an olive colored back with a distinctive yellow throat and black "eye patch." Tail may also be a yellow color. Females are more subdued, with the olive colored back and yellow throat, but the yellow of the throat is not as bright, and they do not have the black "eye patch" like the males.	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Common_Yellowthroat/sounds Song a musical "wich-i-ty, wich-i-ty, wich-i-ty, wich-i-ty." Call note a distinctive sharp "tchat."
Eastern Wood Peewee		Males and females are very similar. Mostly a dusty grey with slightly darker wings and head.	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Eastern Wood- Pewee/sounds Slurred whistled "pee-ah- wee," rising on last note. Also a downslurred "wee-ur"

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Northern Mockingbird			http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Northern_Mockingbir d/sounds Often mimic the sounds of birds (and frogs) around them.
Willow Flycatcher		not have very thin white band around eyes. Males and females are very similar visually.	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Willow_Flycatcher/sounds Song a harsh "fitz-bew" or "rrritz-bew," accented on the first syllable. Call note a mellow "whit."
Wood thrush			/guide/Wood_Thrush/sounds
Yellow Warbler M,f			http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Yellow/Warbler/sounds Variable. Most common song is a rapid musical "sweet-sweet-I'm-so-sweet."

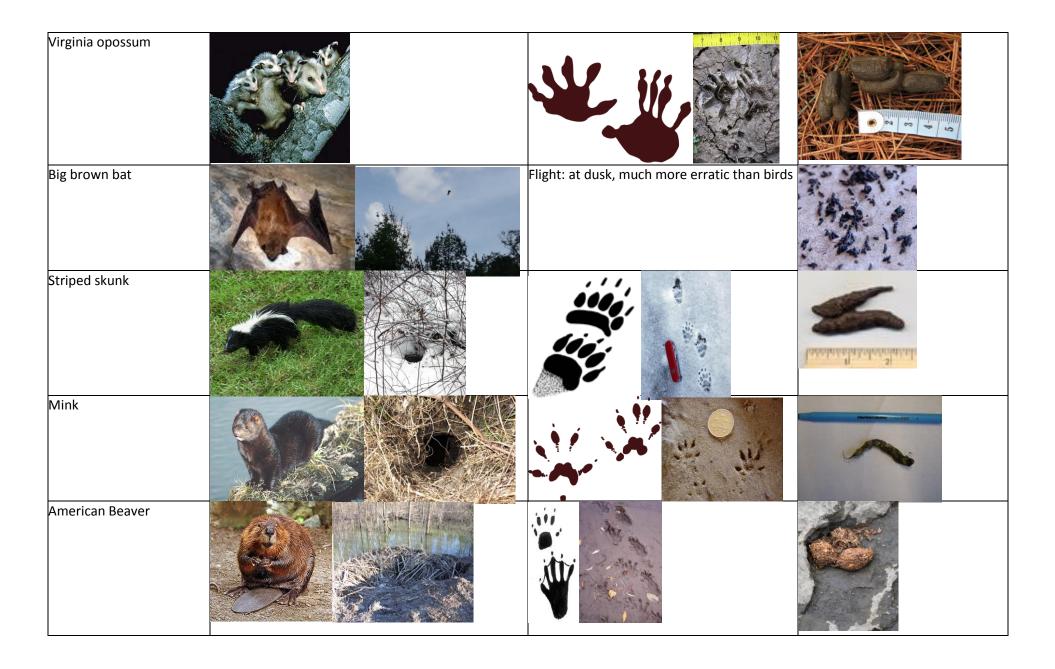
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Scarlet Tanager M,f		scarlet color with black wings. The females are completely different from the males visually. They are an olive green color with gray wings.	http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Scarlet Tanager/sounds Song a series of short, burry syllables, reminiscent of a robin with a sore throat. Call a springy "chik-burr."
Eastern Phoebe		gray chest. Females and males are very similar visually.	http://www.allaboutbirds.org /guide/Eastern_Phoebe/soun ds Two rough, whistled notes, "fee-bee" with the second note rasping or with a stuttered, more whistly second note "fee-b-be-bee."

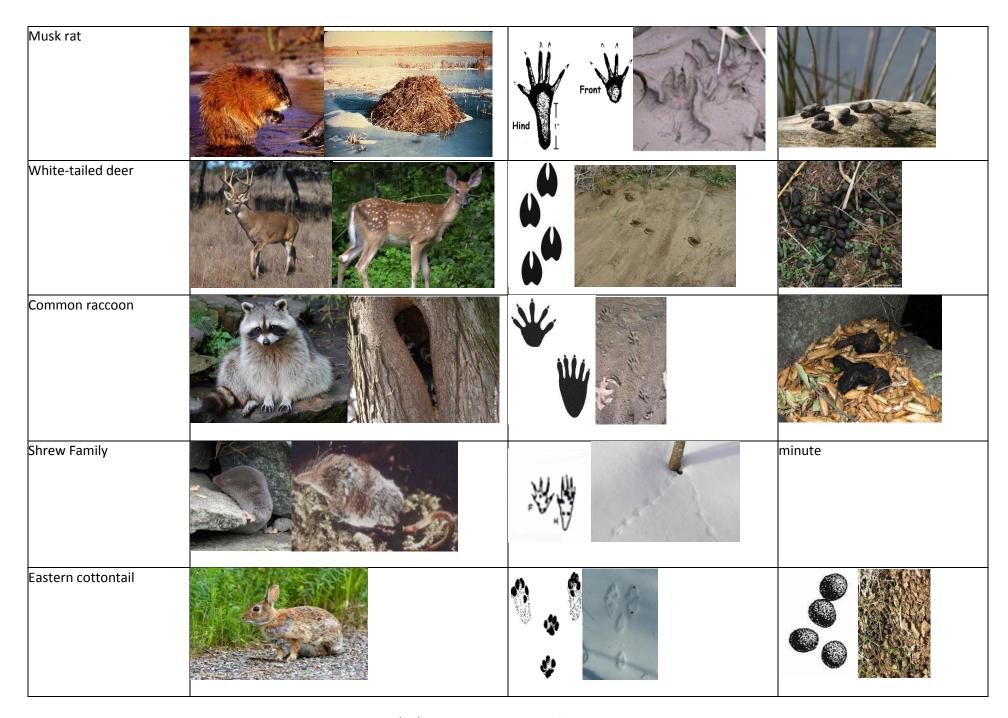


MAMMALS

Common Name	Image(s)	Tracks	Scat
American Coyote			
Grey fox			
Red fox		But larger than grey fox	But larger than grey fox

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