

Birds



Hawk



Look for several different species soaring or perched in the tops of trees.

Ducks



Look in saltwater bays and freshwater ponds for these visitors.



Great Egret



This large white bird is found year around in the marshes.



Whooping Crane



Our most famous birds are found in the marshes from November - March.



Vulture



These large, dark scavengers are seen soaring on warm air, called thermals.



Pelican



Feeding on fish, they scoop up large quantities of water in their pouch-like bill.



Bobwhite



Found along trails, a group of quail is called a covey.



Mammals

Rabbit



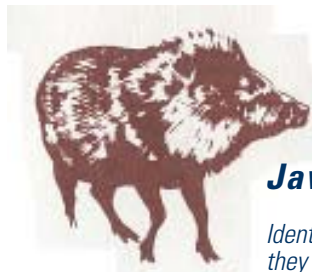
Shy and secretive, they are found at the edge of oak mottes and marshes.



Squirrel



Look up under the trees on trails and at the picnic area for these acrobats.



Javelina



Identified by their white collar, they are seen rooting for food along the road.



Armadillo



This small armored creature relies on its hearing to warn it of danger.



Deer



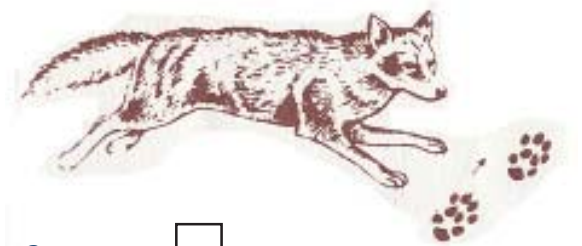
These browsers feed on leaves, buds, twigs and flowers.



Coyote



This bushy-tailed dog is rarely seen during the day because they are sleeping.



Raccoon



Very curious, raccoons have human-like hands that can pry open and hold their food.



Each of the animals you see while you are here is worth 10 points. Check off the ones you see and look on the back to find how you scored.

Mom and Dad can help, but to score high you must keep your sharp eyes and ears open to every movement. Most of the animals will want to hide from you.

Reptiles and Amphibians

Alligator

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These large reptiles will stay in underground dens during the winter and drought season.



Snake

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Although most are harmless, these fascinating reptiles are better left alone.



Turtle

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Most common is the red-eared slider. Look for the red spots behind the eye.



Frog

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These amphibians can be found in water, on the ground and up in the trees.



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Scoring

Add up your check marks and count each one 10 points plus 5 points for each animal track identified.

50-75 is good, you have been quiet and observant.

75-100 you have sharp eyes and ears.

Above 100 you are hereby declared a Junior Refuge Ranger.

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