

Minnesota Mammals

Timber Wolf

1. Why was the timber wolf an endangered species? _____

2. Describe the wolf pack: How many animals? Who is in a pack? and some interesting information about pack.

3. What is the main food of wolves?

Fox 1. How big are foxes? _____

2. What are two things that help a fox survive the winter? _____

3. How many feet is fox burrow? _____

4. What do foxes eat? _____

Black Bear

1. How many black bears are there in Minnesota? _____

2. What percentage of a black bear's diet is meat? _____

3. When are cubs born and how much do they weigh at birth? _____

Muskrat

1. Why were muskrats trapped? _____

2. Describe the home of a muskrat. _____

3. What do muskrats do in the winter? _____

4. What are the main enemies of the muskrat? _____

Groundhog

1. How long do groundhogs hibernate? _____

2. Describe the hibernation of a groundhog: _____

3. What percent of its original weight does a groundhog lose during the winter?

Beaver

1. How much would a very large beaver weigh? _____
2. How is a beaver specialized for living in water? _____

3. Why were beavers trapped to near extinction in the 1800's?

3. What do beavers do in the winter? _____

Chipmunk

1. How do chipmunks carry food? _____

2. How much food has been found in chipmunk burrow? _____

3. Describe how chipmunks get through the winter: _____

4. What are two predators on chipmunks? _____

Squirrels

1. What do red squirrels eat? _____

2. What are two types of nests that squirrels make or use? _____

3. Describe how flying squirrels glide from tree to tree? _____

4. Why do flying squirrels have large eyes? _____

Rabbit

1.a How many litters/year will a female have? _____ b. How many young in a litter? _____

2. How do rabbits avoid being killed by predators? _____

3. How do rabbits improve the digestion of grasses they eat?

Mink

1. Where are mink found? _____

2. Describe the location of a mink den? _____

2. What do mink eat? _____

3. What enemies do mink have? _____

Striped skunk

1. Describe how the scent is released on a skunk. _____

2. Describe the senses of a skunk: _____
3. What do skunks eat? _____
4. What is the largest enemy of skunks besides humans? _____

Weasel

1. What advantage does a thin body give the weasel? _____
2. Where are weasels found? _____
3. What is another name for a weasel? _____
4. What advantage is to the weasel to change color in the winter? _____
5. What advantage is having a black tail in the winter? _____

River Otter

1. Where are river otters usually found? _____
2. What do otters eat? _____
3. What are two ways that humans can harm otters? _____

Opossum

1. What does the opossum use its tail for? _____
2. What do opossum's eat? _____
3. Where do the young live during its first few months of life? _____
4. What do opossum's do to help them survive a predator's attack? _____

White-tail deer

1. Why does a deer raise its tail in the air? _____
2. How much do fawns weigh at birth? _____
3. Why are deer being shot in some of our local towns? _____

Moose

1. a. What mammal family is a moose in? b. How large do they get? _____

2. What do moose eat? _____
3. What do the bulls use their antlers for? _____
4. What has caused the moose population to decrease? _____

