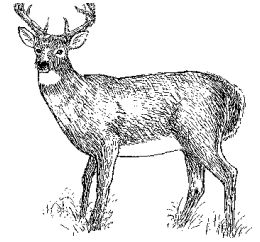


Walk On The Wild Side!







Test your wildlife wisdom!

- 1. Which are Wisconsin state animals?**
a. coyote b. badger c. timber wolf d. white-tailed deer e. raccoon
- 2. Who is known as the father of wildlife conservation?**
a. Sigurd Olson b. Gifford Pinchot c. John Muir d. Aldo Leopold e. Teddy Roosevelt
- 3. What is the only poisonous North American mammal?**
a. short-tailed shrew b. opossum c. duck-billed platypus d. big brown bat e. armadillo
- 4. Strictly speaking, what group of animals is not considered wildlife?**
a. mammals. b. insects c. birds. d. amphibians e. reptiles
- 5. In North America, we killed so many of these that they are now extinct --- which animal?**
a. bison b. elk c. whooping crane d. passenger pigeon e. ivory-billed woodpecker
- 6. Over the years, some animals disappeared from Wisconsin. Which of these animals was not re-introduced to Wisconsin by wildlife managers?**
a. fisher b. timber wolf c. elk d. whooping crane e. trumpeter swan
- 7. How many mammals are native to Wisconsin?**
a. 25 b. 45 c. 65 d. 85 e. 10
- 8. How do we manage our grasslands and prairies?**
a. mowing b. burning c. flooding d. grazing e. brush-cutting
- 9. Which frog freezes during the winter and thaws out in the spring?**
a. wood frog b. leopard frog c. bullfrog d. American toad e. green frog
- 10. Who owns the wild animals in Wisconsin?**
a. whoever owns the land they live on b. Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources
c. all of us share ownership of wildlife d. U.S. government e. hunters and trappers

Did we skunk you?

1. Although our official state animal is the badger, because of its popularity and importance to Wisconsin's economy, we have also honored the white-tailed deer.
2. Aldo Leopold was named chair of game management in the Department of Agricultural Economics in 1933. His book, *Game Management*, first published in 1933, is still considered an essential part of any wildlife professional's library. In 1939 he founded the Department of Wildlife Management, the first such department anywhere. It evolved into the current Department of Wildlife Ecology.
3. The only poisonous North American mammal is the very abundant short-tailed shrew, which is actually venomous rather than poisonous. Your dog or cat would be ok if ate a dead shrew. But if the shrew bit your pet and chewed, its saliva would release venom, and your pet might suffer from a sore and swollen limb for a day or two. Ouch!
4. Yep! Birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians are wildlife. However, now many people also think of snails, worms, insects and other invertebrates as wildlife.
5. Passenger pigeons once numbered in the billions, and flocks would often darken the sky when passing overhead. This made them easy to shoot, and, since hunting was unregulated, they were slaughtered for sale as food during the 1800s. The last passenger pigeon died in the Cincinnati Zoo in 1914. Many other animals, like bison and elk, were also heavily over-harvested in the 1800s but not driven to extinction. Now the greatest threat to wildlife is people taking over their habitats.
6. We brought back the fisher in the 1950s and 1960s, elk in 1995, the trumpeter swan in 1989, wild turkeys in 1974, and the whooping crane in 2001. Timber wolves came back by themselves!
7. We have 65 kinds of mammals as well as approximately 400 types of birds, 19 species of amphibians, and 35 kinds of reptiles.
8. We cut brush, mow, burn, and graze to prevent brush on prairies. However we do not use flooding.
9. Brrrrr...The wood frog lives furthest north, almost to the Arctic Circle, and can freeze solid because it produces a glycol-like antifreeze that allows body fluids to freeze without bursting individual cells.
10. We all do! They are a public resource, differing from plants, which are the property of the person who owns the land where they live.

Rate your wildlife wisdom!				
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	Wise as an owl 	Smart as a fox 	Eagle-eye 	Badgered 

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