

Descriptions of Plants and Animals



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Grass/Herb: Grasses and herbs cannot tolerate excessive shade. They grow quickly, but they have non-woody stems and do not reach a great height.

Shrub: Shrubs have woody stems and are usually intermediate in height between grasses and trees. They can tolerate some shade.

Sapling: Saplings are trees that have not reached full height. They may be the size of large shrubs.

Mature tree: These trees have reached their full height and form the canopy layers.

Songbird: Songbirds in this area live in mature trees.

Squirrel: Squirrels build their nests in trees but are seen on the ground and moving through tree branches. They eat fruit, berries, and nuts.

Garter snake: This snake lives in grassy areas and shrubs. It eats toads, earthworms, small birds, and mammals.

Toad: Toads live in meadows and shrublands. They eat insects and other invertebrates.

Wild Turkey: Turkeys roost in trees and need clearings and brushy fields for nesting.

Mouse: Mice live in burrows in a variety of habitats from grasslands to forests and eat berries, grains, and insects.

Owl: Owls in this area nest in trees but hunt the ground for mice and shrews.

Black bear: Bears live in the thick forest where they have plenty of cover. They eat a variety of plant and animal matter.

Deer: Deer eat grasses, shrubs, and crops. They prefer an edge community where they can hide but also venture periodically into open areas to browse.

Grasshopper: Grasshoppers live in grassy areas and eat grass, clover, and other herbs.

Rabbit: Rabbits live in edge communities where there is plenty of shrub cover to hide, along with grasses and other herbs to eat.

Quail: Quail nest in shrub areas where they have cover, but they may feed in more open grassy spaces that supply insects.

Sparrow: Sparrows nest in shrub and tree areas where they have cover but may feed in more open spaces that supply many insects.

Cardinal: Cardinals nest in high branches of shrubs or low branches of trees. They feed on berries, seeds, and insects gathered from plants or from the ground.

Robin: Robins live in edge communities where there are open grassy spaces, shrubs, and small trees. They build their nests in the branches of younger trees and eat berries, worms, and insects.

Fox: Foxes live in burrows called dens. They prefer some ground cover for hunting, and they feed on birds, mice, rabbits, insects, and berries.

