



# Mammal Checklist

## BUFFALO NATIONAL RIVER

Visitors are encouraged to report new species sightings to park staff. Call 870-741-5443, or write Natural Resource Management, Buffalo National River, 402 N Walnut, Suite 136, Harrison, AR 72601. Entries to this list are based upon park research and confirmed findings by park staff and visitors. Species nomenclature corresponds with Arkansas Mammals by John A. Sealander and Gary A. Heidt.

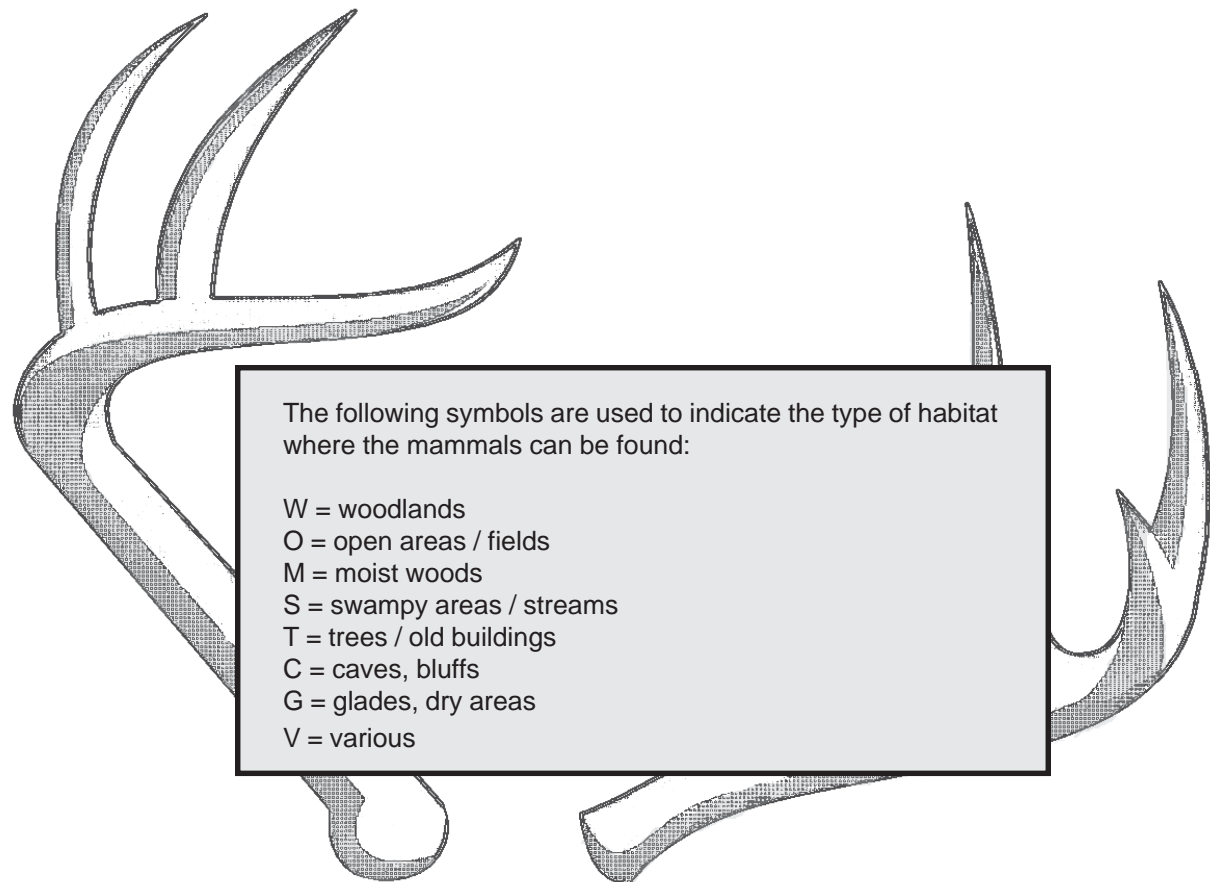


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Buffalo National River is more than just a river. The 95,730-acre park contains open farmlands, oak-hickory forests, ponds and streams, abandoned homesites, tall bluffs and box canyons. These different areas provide varied habitats for the wildlife that lives here. Over fifty different species of mammals find a home at Buffalo National River.

Most mammals are secretive or nocturnal. The best time to view them is in the early morning or at dusk. Even though the mountain lion has been included in this checklist, its existence in the state remains questionable until confirmed by authorities. Reintroduction of the black bear has made this once rare mammal more common. Commonly seen mammals include the white-tailed deer, elk, squirrels, rabbits, opossums, raccoons, skunks, and armadillos.

Hunting is permitted in the park in accordance with state regulations. During the early fall through late spring, some form of hunting season is in progress. Use caution when hiking in the woods during this time.



The following symbols are used to indicate the type of habitat where the mammals can be found:

- W = woodlands
- O = open areas / fields
- M = moist woods
- S = swampy areas / streams
- T = trees / old buildings
- C = caves, bluffs
- G = glades, dry areas
- V = various

Species	Habitat
<b>Marsupials</b>	
Virginia Opossum <i>Didelphus virginiana</i>	W
<b>Shrews</b>	
Southeastern Shrew <i>Sorex longirostris</i>	M,S
Southern Short-tailed Shrew <i>Blarina carolinensis</i>	M
Least Shrew <i>Cryptotis parva</i>	O
<b>Moles</b>	
Eastern Mole <i>Scalopus aquaticus</i>	O
<b>Bats</b>	
Little Brown Myotis <i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	V
Gray Myotis <i>Myotis grisescens</i>	C
Northern Long-eared Bat <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	V
Indiana Myotis <i>Myotis sodalis</i>	C
Small-footed Myotis <i>Myotis leibii</i>	V
Silver-haired Bat <i>Lasionycteris noctivagans</i>	T
Eastern Pipistrelle <i>Pipistrellus subflavus</i>	V
Big Brown Bat <i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>	T
Red Bat <i>Lasiurus borealis</i>	T
Hoary Bat <i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>	T
Evening Bat <i>Nycticeius humeralis</i>	T
Ozark Big-eared Bat <i>Plecotus townsendii ingens</i>	C

Species	Habitat
<b>Armadillos</b>	
Nine-banded Armadillo <i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i>	W,O
<b>Hares, Rabbits</b>	
Eastern Cottontail <i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>	V
Swamp Rabbit <i>Sylvilagus aquaticus</i>	W,S
Black-tailed Jackrabbit <i>Lepus californicus</i>	O
<b>Squirrels</b>	
Eastern Chipmunk <i>Tamias striatus</i>	W
Woodchuck <i>Marmota monax</i>	O
Gray Squirrel <i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	W
Fox Squirrel <i>Sciurus niger</i>	W
Southern Flying Squirrel <i>Glaucomys volans</i>	W
<b>Pocket Gophers</b>	
Baird's Pocket Gopher <i>Geomys breviceps</i>	V
<b>Beavers</b>	
Beaver <i>Castor canadensis</i>	S

Species	Habitat
<b>Rats, Mice and Voles</b>	
Fulvous Harvest Mouse <i>Reithrodontomys fulvescens</i>	O
Deer Mouse <i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>	O
White-footed Mouse <i>Peromyscus leucopus</i>	W
Texas Mouse <i>Peromyscus attwateri</i>	G
Golden Mouse <i>Ochrotomys nuttalli</i>	W
Hispid Cotton Rat <i>Sigmodon hispidus</i>	O
Eastern Woodrat <i>Neotoma floridana</i>	C
Woodland Vole <i>Microtus pinetorum</i>	V
Muskrat <i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>	S
Norway Rat <i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	V
House Mouse <i>Mus musculus</i>	V

Species	Habitat
<b>Carnivores</b>	
Coyote <i>Canis latrans</i>	O
Red Fox <i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	O
Gray Fox <i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	W
Black Bear <i>Ursus americanus</i>	W
Raccoon <i>Procyon lotor</i>	W,S
Long-tailed Weasel <i>Mustela frenata</i>	V
Mink <i>Mustela vison</i>	S
Eastern Spotted Skunk <i>Spilogale putorius</i>	W,O
Striped Skunk <i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	O
River Otter <i>Lutra canadensis</i>	S
Mountain Lion <i>Felis concolor</i>	V
Bobcat <i>Felis rufus</i>	V
<b>Ungulates</b>	
White-tailed Deer <i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	V
Elk <i>Cervus elaphus</i>	V