

WILDLIFE MAZE

Find your way through this maze by answering each question about wildlife. Each correct answer will lead you along the path to the next question. You know you picked correctly if you end at the FINISH.

START

Which has "woody" scat?

Beaver Raccoon

Which is bigger?

Coyote Red Fox

Oops - wrong choice!

Which eats carrion?

Wild Turkey Turkey Vulture

Which shows claw tracks?

Bobcat Gray Fox

Oops - wrong choice!

Which makes holes in trees?

Squirrel Woodpecker

Oops - wrong choice!

FINISH

Wildlife Maze Answer Sheet

Which has “woody” scat?

Beaver- A beaver’s scat is woody because its diet consists of trees; particularly the inner bark. Scat is another word for animal droppings. Beaver scat is an oval shaped pellet an inch long or longer. The texture is course sawdust-like material that decomposes quickly. It is seldom deposited on land. Raccoon scat is inconsistent in shape, about two inches long, and granular. The color varies from black to reddish to almost bleached white. It is usually deposited on large tree limbs, stones crossing a stream, or logs. A raccoon is an omnivore. Its diet consists of almost anything- fruit, nuts, insects, eggs, and small mammals.

Which makes holes in trees?

Woodpecker- A woodpecker’s bill is adapted for making holes in trees to get food and to make nesting cavities. They have a styrofoam-like cushion between the beak and skull that acts as a shock absorber. Flying Squirrels will occupy an abandoned woodpecker cavity for nesting. Gray and Fox Squirrels make leaf nests up in trees.

Which eats carrion?

Turkey Vulture- Carrion is animals that have died. Turkey Vultures use their keen sense of smell to locate carrion. Their heads lack feathers, which is an adaptation that helps keep their feathers from getting all yucky when they put their heads in a carcass. Wild Turkeys eat acorns, seeds, insects, and fruit.

Which is bigger?

Coyote- Coyotes are Collie-sized canids. Height at shoulder is 23 to 26 inches. Length (nose tip to tail tip) is 41 3/8 to 52 inches. They weigh 20 to 40 lbs. or more. Red Foxes are Border Collie-sized canids. Height at shoulder is 15 to 16 inches. Length is 35 3/8 to 40 3/8 inches. They weigh 7 to 15 lbs.

Which shows claw tracks?

Gray Fox- A fox cannot retract its claws like a bobcat so foxes may show their claws in tracks. Fox tracks are oval-shaped and bobcat tracks are more circular.