

Mammal Mysteries

Try this rhyming activity!

When looking for mammals, they're never in view!
Don't get discouraged, they're watching you!

With tiny ears and eyes and always in a hole
This small furry tunneler is called a _____.

This common mammal is seldom in view;
This fierce insect-eater in the leaves is a _____.

Gray or red, running in fields or on rocks
This wild canine is a brushy-tailed _____.

No need to tell this mammal where to find a moth or gnat.
It uses its radar; it's the nocturnal _____.

On a warm summer night don't reach in a tree trunk
Or you might come face to face with an odiferous _____.

These acrobats climb and leap limbs with a twirl
They are nut-loving mammals we like to call _____.

By the time you see him he's ready to duck
Deep into his burrow, he's called a _____.

Chomping young plants is this big-eared animal's habit
The naked and blind young grow up to be _____.

This mammal lives in cornfields, in the forest and in your house
While it's searching for seeds, many other animals hunt the small _____.

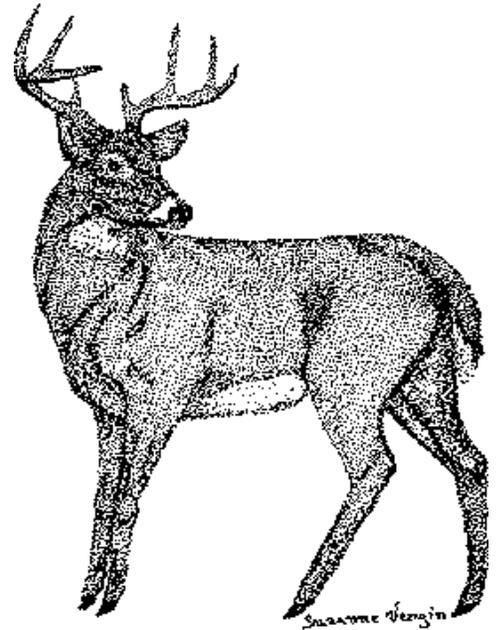
This large mammal waves his tail when danger is near
Sometimes we have too many of these, they're _____.

With stuffed pouches they perch on fallen tree trunks
They chatter and run, they are _____.

Fourteen babies fit in a spoon and that's really awesome
If it seems to "pass out" when threatened, its an _____.

(Based on an activity from the Ohio State Parks Interpretive Handbook)

**Answers: mole, shrew, fox, bat, skunk, squirrel,
woodchuck, rabbit, mouse, white-tailed deer,
chipmunk, opossum**



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