



## Wildlife Checklist



### A Prairie Refuge

Dry summers, frigid winters, unceasing wind, and seemingly endless expanses of grass make the Northern Great Plains a challenging land of extremes. Animals adapted to this ever-changing climate including the largest, smallest, and fastest land animals in the continental United States: bison, masked shrews, and pronghorns, respectively. The plains are also home to keystone species such as the prairie dog, a native species many other animals depend upon for their own survival.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park provides an important refuge for these animals and an opportunity for you to observe them in their natural habitat. What will you discover?

### Wildlife Watching Tips

#### Habitat

The majority of Theodore Roosevelt National Park is grasslands habitat, but the park also includes cottonwood riverbottoms, juniper slopes, riparian zones, and other habitat types. Recognizing these differences can help you spot certain animals according to their habitat preferences. Some maps show forests and prairie dog towns, which can help with planning.

#### Timing

Looking for wildlife at different times of day can make all the difference. Some species, like elk, are more visible at dawn and dusk, and difficult to spot

mid-day, whereas bison are out in the open most of the time. Patience also helps, as staying quietly in one spot for a time may reveal more wildlife.

#### Ask a Ranger

Park staff may be able to assist you with general guidance or current information on where to look for certain species.

#### Safety & Regulations

Enjoy wildlife at a distance. Do not approach, harass, or feed any wildlife. It is illegal to use animal calls or to use spotlights.

### Amphibians

#### Salamanders - *Caudata*

- Tiger Salamander - *Ambystoma tigrinum*



#### Frogs & Toads - *Salientia*

- Plains Spadefoot Toad - *Scaphiopus bombifrons*
- Great Plains Toad - *Bufo cognatus*
- Woodhouse's Toad - *Bufo woodhousei*
- Western Chorus Frog - *Pseudacris triseriata*
- Northern Leopard Frog - *Rana pipiens*

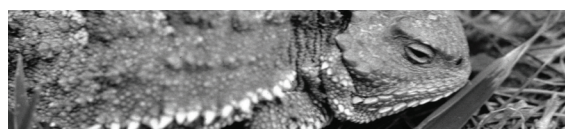
### Reptiles

#### Turtles - *Chelonia*

- Common Snapping Turtle - *Chelydra serpentina*
- Western Painted Turtle - *Chrysemys picta*
- Soft-shelled Turtle - *Trionyx muticus*

#### Lizards - *Sauria*

- Sagebrush Lizard - *Sceloporus graciosus*
- Short-horned Lizard - *Phrynosoma douglassii*



#### Snakes - *Serpentes*

- Western Plains Garter Snake - *Thamnophis radix*
- Red-sided Garter Snake - *Thamnophis sirtalis*
- Western Smooth Green Snake - *Opheodrys vernalis*
- Western Hognose Snake - *Heterodon nasicus*
- Racer - *Coluber constrictor*
- Bull Snake - *Pituophis melanoleucus*
- Prairie Rattlesnake - *Crotalus viridis*

## Mammals

### Even-toed Ungulates - *Artiodactyla*

- Elk - *Cervus elaphus*
- Mule Deer - *Odocoileus hemionus*
- White-tailed Deer - *Odocoileus virginianus*
- Pronghorn - *Antilocapra americana*
- American Bison - *Bison bison*
- Bighorn Sheep - *Ovis canadensis californiana*
- Longhorn Steer - *Bos taurus*

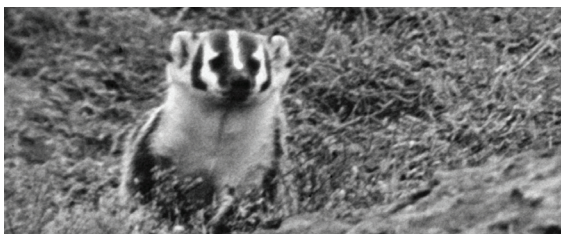
### Odd-toed Ungulates - *Perissodactyla*

- Horse - *Equus caballus*



### Carnivores - *Carnivora*

- Coyote - *Canis latrans*
- Swift Fox - *Vulpes velox*
- Red Fox - *Vulpes vulpes*
- Mountain Lion - *Felis concolor*
- Lynx - *Felis canadensis*
- Bobcat - *Felis rufus*
- Raccoon - *Procyon lotor*
- Long-tailed Weasel - *Mustela frenata*
- Mink - *Muxela vison*
- Striped Skunk - *Mephitis mephitis*
- American Badger - *Taxidea taxus*



### Bats - *Chiroptera*

- Long-eared Myotis - *Myotis evotis*
- Keen's Myotis - *Myotis keenii*
- Small-footed Myotis - *Myotis leibii*
- Little Brown Myotis - *Myotis lucifugus*
- Long-legged Myotis - *Myotis volans*
- Silver-haired Bat - *Lasionycteris noctivagans*
- Big Brown Bat - *Eptesicus fuscus*
- Red Bat - *Lasiurus borealis*
- Hoary Bat - *Lasiurus cinereus*

### Shrews - *Soricomorpha*

- Masked Shrew - *Sorex cinereus*
- Merriam's Shrew - *Sorex merriami*

### Rabbits & Hares - *Lagomorpha*

- Desert Cottontail - *Sylvilagus audubonii*
- Eastern Cottontail - *Sylvilagus floridianus*
- Nuttall's Cottontail - *Sylvilagus nuttallii*
- Showshoe Hare - *Lepus americanus*
- White-tailed Jackrabbit - *Lepus townsendii*



### Rodents - *Rodentia*

- Fox Squirrel - *Sciurus niger*
- Richardson's Ground Squirrel - *Spermophilus richardsonii*
- Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel - *Spermophilus tridecemlineatus*
- Least Chipmunk - *Tamias minimus*
- Black-tailed Prairie Dog - *Cynomys ludovicianus*
- Northern Pocket Gopher - *Thomomys talpoides*
- House Mouse - *Mus musculus*
- Northern Grasshopper Mouse - *Onychomys leucogaster*
- Olive-backed Pocket Mouse - *Perognathus fasciatus*
- White-footed Mouse - *Peromyscus leucopus*
- Deer Mouse - *Peromyscus maniculatus*
- Western Harvest Mouse - *Reithrodontomys megalotis*
- Meadow Jumping Mouse - *Zapus hudsonius*
- Ord's Kangaroo Rat - *Dipodomys ordii*
- Bushy-tailed Woodrat - *Neotoma cinerea*
- Prairie Vole - *Microtus ochrogaster*
- Meadow Vole - *Microtus pennsylvanicus*
- Sagebrush Vole - *Lagurus curtatus*
- Muskrat - *Ondatra zibethicus*
- Beaver - *Castor canadensis*
- Porcupine - *Erethizon dorsatum*

