



The  
**Official  
Urban  
Wildlife  
Guide**

For Georgia  
backyards  
and beyond



**What do  
you see when  
you look  
outside?**

**Birds flutter.**

**Squirrels leap.**

**Sometimes a  
lizard darts  
from your feet.**

We share our neighborhoods with more animals than you may think. Use this guide to explore your city and keep track of what you see.

**To learn more about these species, scan the QR with your phone camera.**



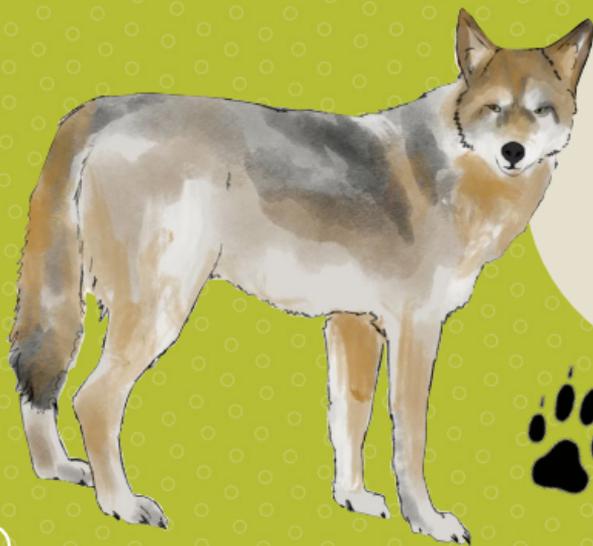
# Mammals!

Here are some mammals  
you may see in your  
neighborhood.



## Raccoon

**FUN FACT:** Raccoons  
can make more than  
50 different noises!



## Coyote

**FUN FACT:**  
Coyotes mate  
for life!





## White-tailed deer

**FUN FACT:**  
Deer have four compartments in their stomach!



## Human

**FUN FACT:**  
Humans are primates that originated in Africa.



## Virginia opossum

**FUN FACT:** Opossums have a pouch they use to carry their babies.



# Birds!

Here are a few winged friends you can find.



## American Robin

**FUN FACT:** American Robins are often seen tugging worms out of the ground.



## Blue Jay

**FUN FACT:** Blue Jays mimic the calls of red-tailed and red-shouldered hawks.



## Northern Cardinal

**FUN FACT:** Males are bright red, and females are pale brown with reddish crest, tail, and wings.



## Red-tailed Hawk

**FUN FACT:** Females are 25% heavier than males.



## Brown Thrasher

**FUN FACT:** Brown Thrashers are Georgia's state bird.



## Red-bellied Woodpecker

**FUN FACT:** They drill holes into trees to store nuts or seeds.

# Reptiles and amphibians!

Also called “herps,” these animals live under leaves, old logs or even under your porch!



## Eastern box turtle

**FUN FACT:** Males have bright red or orange eyes.



## Green anole

**FUN FACT:** Anoles can lose their tails if threatened.





## American toad

**FUN FACT:** American toads pee when threatened!



## Eastern kingsnake

**FUN FACT:** Kingsnakes eat venomous snakes.



## Spring peeper

**FUN FACT:** Peepers can make sounds as loud as a lawn mower.

## Red-eared slider

**FUN FACT:** These turtles can live up to 30 years.



**But wait,  
there's  
more!**

These aren't the only wildlife living in our neighborhoods. It's good to share our spaces with animals, but there are things we must do to make our homes safe for all.

**Start here for helpful and hurtful habits for sharing your neighborhood with wildlife!**

## HELPFUL HABITS

- Secure your trash. When wildlife get into trash, it can make them sick.
- Keep your dog on a leash when walking.
- Turn your outside lights off during spring and fall months to help birds migrate safely.
- Give animals space to protect yourself and wildlife.
- Get excited and learn!

## HURTFUL HABITS

- Don't feed wildlife. All human food is unhealthy for wildlife and can create dangerous situations between humans and wildlife.
- Look, but don't touch.
- Don't keep wildlife as pets, and don't release pets into the wild.
- Don't let cats outside unsupervised. Cats kill birds and small mammals!



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