

NATIVE PRAIRIE MAMMALS

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Coyote

- Lives in a den in an old burrow, an empty rock pile or a hollow tree.
- Forms pack with other coyotes.
- Pale brown to grey fur with a white throat and belly.
- Prey are hares, rabbits, squirrels, mice, insects, snakes, birds, frogs, fish, bird eggs, fruit and flowers.
- Five or six pups born in the spring.
- Predators are humans, wolves, cougars, black bears, and eagles.
- Sometimes called the “yodel dog” as their howl sounds like a yodel.

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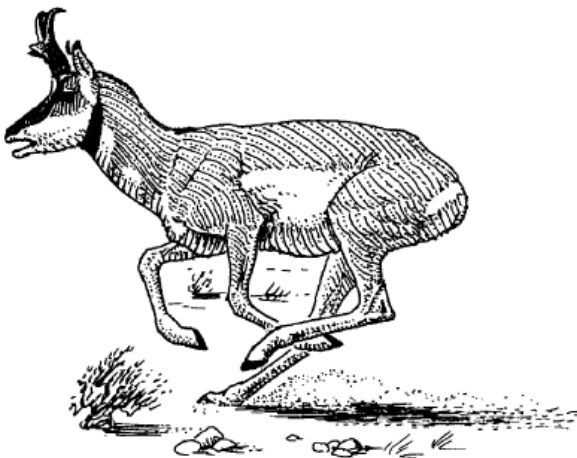


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Pronghorn

- Live in herds in the grasslands.
- Coats are light brown with a white belly and a white rump.
- Eat leafy plants, cacti, some grasses, and sometimes crops such as rye, wheat and peas.
- Fawns are the colour of native grass so they can hide.
- Predators are coyotes, bobcats, eagles and humans.
- Hunted for their meat.
- Fastest land mammal in North America.

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Richardson's Ground Squirrel

- Lives in colonies in the grasslands.
- Females each have their own burrow.
- Yellowish-grey with a short tail.
- Uses cheek pouches to carry its food.
- Eats seeds, leaves, roots, flowers, grasshoppers and dead animals.
- Has six to eight young born in the spring.
- Predators are badgers, coyotes, foxes, weasels, hawks, falcons, rattlesnakes and humans.