

Mammals of Maryland

Mammals are warm-blooded vertebrates that have hair and produce milk. Sometimes the hair can be sparse, or it can be modified hairs like quills on a Porcupine. Six species of mammals are extirpated in Maryland, or no longer can be found wild in the state. These species include the Gray wolf, American elk, Eastern mountain lion, Snowshoe hare, American marten and Eastern harvest mouse. Over 20 species of mammals are considered to be rare, threatened or endangered in Maryland. Mammals such as the Nutria, Black rat, Norway rat, House mouse, Sika deer and feral pony have been introduced to Maryland.

This list includes species considered accidental, vagrant, introduced or extirpated. Special thanks go to Gene Scarpulla and Susan Knowles for their assistance and information regarding marine mammals.

Common Names are followed by the italicized *Scientific Name*:

Opossums

Virginia opossum *Didelphis virginiana*

Shrews:

Masked shrew *Sorex cinereus*

Southeastern shrew *Sorex longirostris*

Southern Water shrew *Sorex palustris punctulatus*

Smoky shrew *Sorex fumeus*

Long-tailed shrew *Sorex dispar*

Southern pygmy shrew *Sorex hoyi winnemana*

Northern short-tailed shrew *Blarina brevicauda*

Least shrew *Cryptotis parva*



Masked shrew by: Phil Myers

Moles:

Hairy-tailed mole *Parascalops breweri*

Eastern mole *Scalopus aquaticus*

Southeastern star-nosed mole *Condylura cristata parva*

Bats:

Little brown myotis *Myotis lucifugus*

Indiana bat *Myotis sodalis*

Eastern small-footed bat *Myotis leibii*

Northern long-eared bat *Myotis septentrionalis*

Silver-haired bat *Lasionycteris noctivagans*

Tri-colored bat *Perimyotis subflavus*

Big brown bat *Eptesicus fuscus*



Northern long-eared bat by: Joy O'Keefe

Eastern red bat *Lasiurus borealis*
Hoary bat *Lasiurus cinereus*
Evening bat *Nycticeius humeralis*

Rabbits and Hares:

Eastern cottontail *Sylvilagus floridanus*
Appalachian cottontail *Sylvilagus obscurus*
Snowshoe hare *Lepus americanus*

Squirrels and Chipmunks

Eastern chipmunk *Tamias striatus*
Woodchuck *Marmota monax*
Eastern gray squirrel *Sciurus carolinensis*
Eastern fox squirrel *Sciurus niger*
Delmarva fox squirrel *Sciurus niger cinereus*
Red squirrel *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*
Southern flying squirrel *Glaucomys volans*



Southern flying squirrel by: J.P. Myers

Beavers

American beaver *Castor canadensis*

New World Mice and Rats

Marsh rice rat *Oryzomys palustris*
Eastern harvest mouse *Reithrodontomys humulis*
Deer mouse *Peromyscus maniculatus*
White-footed deer mouse *Peromyscus leucopus*
Allegheny woodrat *Neotoma magister*



White-footed deer mouse by: Phil Myers

Voles

Southern red-backed vole *Clethrionomys gapperi*
Meadow vole *Microtus pennsylvanicus*
Southern Rock vole *Microtus chrotorrhinus carolinensis*
Woodland vole *Microtus pinetorum*

Muskrats

Muskrat *Ondatra zibethicus*

Lemmings

Southern bog lemming *Synaptomys cooperi*

Old World Mice and Rats

Black rat *Rattus rattus*

Norway rat *Rattus norvegicus*

House mouse *Mus musculus*

Jumping Mice

Meadow jumping mouse *Zapus hudsonius*

Woodland jumping mouse *Napaeozapus insignis*

Porcupines

Porcupine *Erethizon dorsatum*

Nutria

Nutria *Myocastor coypus*

Dwarf Sperm Whales

Pygmy sperm whale *Kogia breviceps*

Dwarf sperm whale *Kogia simus*

Sperm Whales

Sperm whale *Physeter macrocephalus*

Toothed Whales

Cuvier's beaked whale *Ziphius cavirostris*

True's beaked whale *Mesoplodon mirus*

Oceanic Dolphins and Pilot Whales

Short-beaked common dolphin *Delphinus delphis*

Bottle-nosed dolphin *Tursiops truncatus*

Atlantic spotted dolphin *Stenella frontalis*

Striped dolphin *Stenella coeruleoalba*

Atlantic white-sided dolphin *Lagenorhynchus acutus*

Risso's dolphin *Grampus griseus*

Killer whale *Orcinus orca*

Long-finned pilot whale *Globicephala melas*

Short-finned pilot whale *Globicephala macrorhynchus*

Melon-headed whale *Peponocephala electra*



Meadow jumping mouse by: Phil Myers



Killer whale by: Phil Myers

Porpoises

Harbor porpoise *Phocoena phocoena*

Rorqual whales

Blue whale *Balaenoptera musculus*

Humpback whale *Megaptera novaeangliae*

Fin whale *Balaenoptera physalus*

Sei whale *Balaenoptera borealis*

Common minke whale *Balaenoptera acutorostrata*

Bowhead whales and right whales

North Atlantic right whale *Eubalaena glacialis*

Manatees

Manatee *Trichechus manatus*

Coyotes, Wolves and Foxes

Coyote *Canis latrans*

Gray wolf *Canis lupus*

Red fox *Vulpes vulpes*

Gray fox *Urocyon cinereoargenteus*

Bears

Black bear *Ursus americanus*

Raccoons

Raccoon *Procyon lotor*

Skunks

Eastern spotted skunk *Spilogale putorius*

Striped skunk *Mephitis mephitis*

Weasels, Minks and Otters

American marten *Martes americana*

Fisher *Martes pennanti*

Ermine *Mustela erminea*

Least weasel *Mustela nivalis*

Long-tailed weasel *Mustela frenata*

Mink *Mustela vison*



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Northern river otter *Lutra canadensis*

Seals

Harbor seal *Phoca vitulina*

Harp seal *Pagophilus groenlandicus*

Hooded seal *Cystophora cristata*

Gray seal *Halichoerus grypus*

Cats

Eastern mountain lion *Felis concolor*

Bobcat *Lynx rufus*

Hoofed mammals

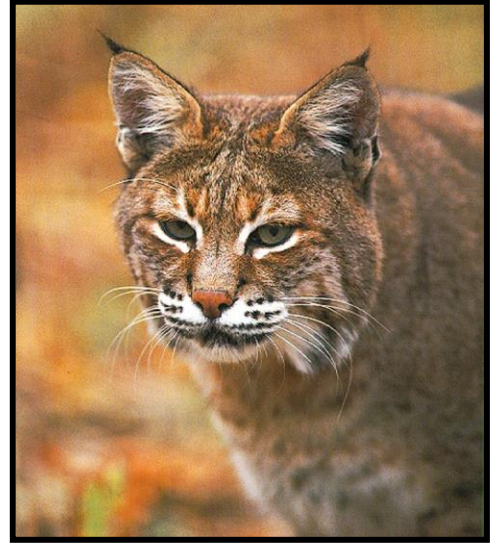
American elk *Cervus elaphus*

Sika deer *Cervus nippon*

White-tailed deer *Odocoileus virginianus*

American bison *Bos bison*

Feral horse (Assateague pony) *Equus caballus*



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