



Field Guide Fun-damentals

Individually look at a mystery Massachusetts wildlife 'artifact' (feather, skull, pelt, photo, etc.) provided by a teammate or coach and thoroughly answer the following questions. Write down the resource(s) you used to find your answer to each question. Be prepared to share your findings with your coach and team.

Suggested relevant state resources, for downloading or purchase, are listed at

<https://massenvirothon.org/areas-of-learning/ecostations/wildlife/>

- 1) Identify the Species: common name _____
scientific name _____

What characteristics did you use to identify the species? _____

- 2) Am I a game or non-game species? _____ If a game species, what is the season and bag limit? _____

Name of Resource Used? _____

- 3) Am I a species listed as special concern, threatened, or endangered? Federal &/or State listed?

Name of Resource Used? _____

- 4) Describe my appearance including distinguishing field marks (stripes, spots, patterns, colors, size, etc.)

Name of Resource Used? _____

- 5) What is my range in Massachusetts? _____

Name of Resource Used? _____

6) What type of habitat(s) do I prefer? _____

Name of Resource Used? _____

7) Do I migrate? _____ Do I hibernate? _____

Name of Resource Used? _____

8) Describe my 'den, nest, or bedding area'. _____

Name of Resource Used? _____

9) Am I diurnal, nocturnal, or crepuscular? _____

Define: diurnal - _____

nocturnal - _____

crepuscular _____

Name of Resource Used? _____

10) List the foods I eat? Am I an herbivore, omnivore or a carnivore?

Define: herbivore - _____

omnivore - _____

carnivore - _____

Name of Resource Used? _____



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