

2017 DELAWARE ENVIROTHON WILDLIFE SPECIES GUIDE

Each category below lists examples of wildlife species your team should be familiar with. These lists do not include ALL animal species found in Delaware and teams should be aware that test questions may mention one or more species *not* listed below.

BIRDS

Be familiar with common game species and with common birds found in backyards, forests, freshwater, saltwater, and open fields. Some bird species to know include (but are not limited to):

Eastern Bluebird	Mourning Dove	Red-tailed Hawk
European Starling	Carolina Chickadee	Cooper's Hawk
Song Sparrow	American Crow	American Bald Eagle
House Sparrow	Common Grackle	Barn Owl
American Robin	Downy Woodpecker	Eastern Screech Owl
Brown-headed Cowbird	Canada Goose	Barred Owl
Red-winged Blackbird	Snow Goose	Great-horned Owl
Northern Blue Jay	Eastern Wild Turkey	Black Vulture
Northern Mockingbird	Northern Bobwhite Quail	Turkey Vulture

*Understand what shorebirds are and how they are tied to Delaware's estuaries and coastline

MAMMALS

Be familiar with common game species and with mammals that may be found in backyards, forests, freshwater, saltwater, and open fields. Some mammal species to know include (but are not limited to):

Red Fox	Groundhog/Woodchuck	White-tailed Deer
Gray Fox	Opossum	Little Brown Bat
Coyote	Eastern Cottontail	Norway Rat
Gray Squirrel	Striped Skunk	Common Muskrat
Raccoon	American Beaver	Nutria

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

Delaware is home to many species of reptiles and amphibians. Some are more common to encounter, while others are listed as threatened or endangered species. Some reptile and amphibian species to know include (but are not limited to):

American Bullfrog	Pickerel Frog	Eastern Garter Snake
Barking Tree Frog	Green Frog	Eastern Black Rat Snake
Fowler's Toad	Red-eared Slider	Northern Copperhead
Northern Spring Peeper	Eastern Box Turtle	Eastern Hognose Snake
American Toad	Painted Turtle	Northern Water Snake
Tiger Salamander	Snapping Turtle	Five-lined Skink
Northern Leopard Frog	Bog Turtle	