

2026 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	Black Vulture	Red-tailed Hawk
European Starling	Snow Goose	Cooper's Hawk
Mourning Dove	Canada Goose	American Bald Eagle
American Robin	Eastern Wild Turkey	Barn Owl
English Sparrow	Northern Bobwhite Quail	Eastern Screech Owl
Turkey Vulture	Ring-necked Pheasant	Barred Owl

*Understand what shorebirds are and how their connection with the Delaware Bay.

**Be familiar with common waterfowl species found in Delaware.

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	Norway Rat
Coyote	Eastern Cottontail	Nutria
Gray Squirrel	Striped Skunk	Common Muskrat
Delmarva Fox Squirrel	Raccoon	American Beaver

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	