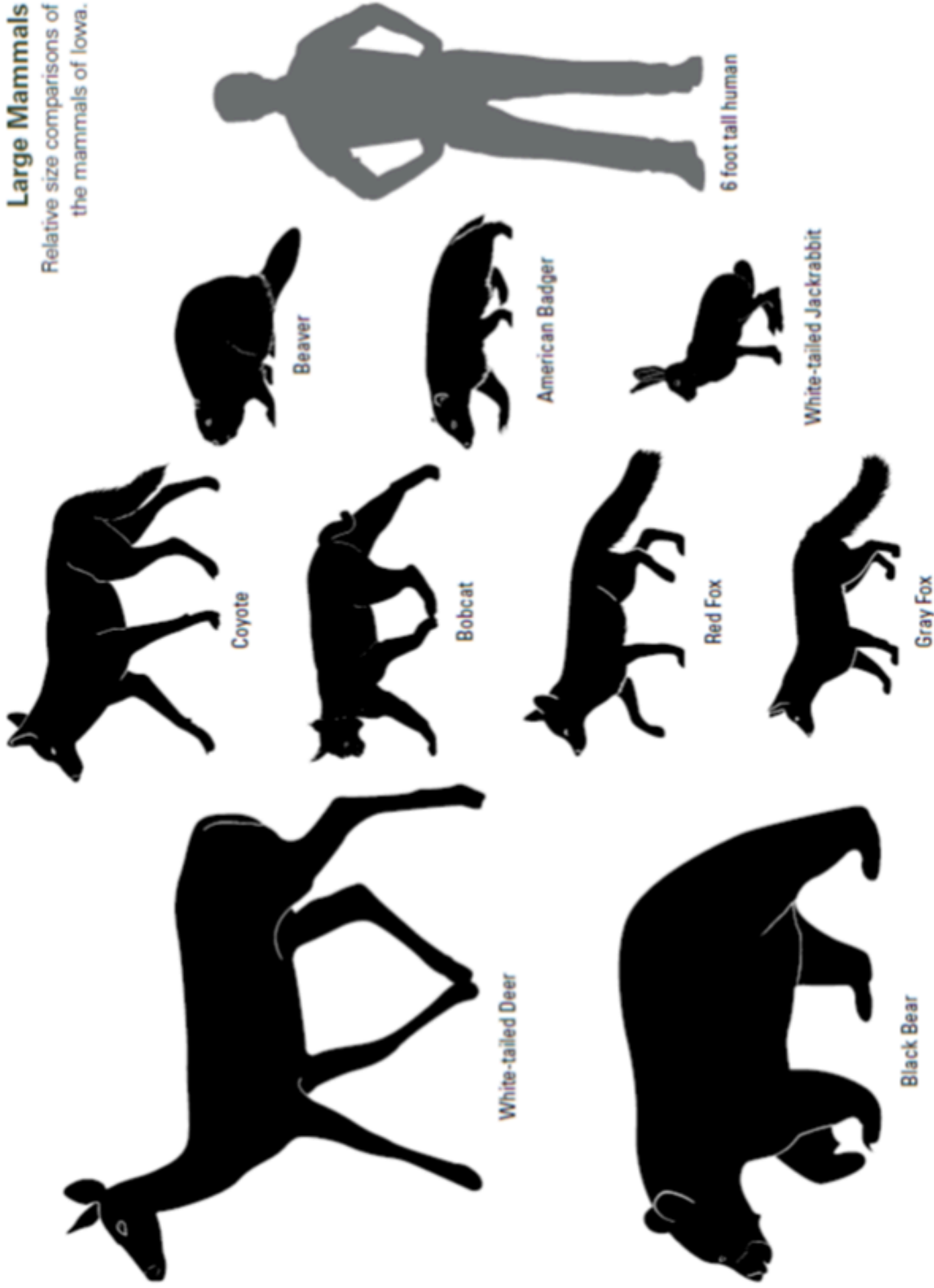


Large Mammals

Relative size comparisons of the mammals of Iowa.



The background of the cover features stylized illustrations of various mammals. In the top left is a fox with orange and white fur. In the top right is a grey wolf. On the left side is a brown squirrel. In the center-left is a brown deer. In the center-right is a light brown rabbit. In the bottom left is a brown bear. In the bottom right is a red fox. All animals are depicted in a simple, artistic style with soft colors and are set against a solid reddish-brown background.

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Mammals Kit




Mammal Craft

Create your own bear art using an old magazine. Glue the strips of paper on the **blank** side of the paper. When done flip over and cut out the outline of the bear. Use this craft bear as a bookmark, glue on onto a card, or punch a hole and make an ornament.


You may be thinking but naturalist Kristen said we won't find bears here, why am I finding them in the book listed as an Iowa species?

They are found in North Eastern Iowa, after wandering down from Minnesota, but do not live permanently in Iowa.


Medium Mammals




River Otter




Muskkrat




Standard Ruler



Eastern Cottontail



Eastern Spotted Skunk




Southern Flying Squirrel



Fox Squirrel



Short-tailed Weasel




Gray Squirrel



Plains Pocket Gopher



Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel



Norway Rat



Least Weasel



Red Squirrel




Raccoon



Virginia Opossum



Woodchuck



Striped Skunk



Mink

Small Mammals



Tri-colored Bat



Hoary Bat



U.S. dollar bill



Eastern Chipmunk



Big Brown Bat



Northern Short-tailed Shrew



Eastern Mole



Meadow Jumping Mouse



Northern Grasshopper Mouse



Silver-haired Bat



Elliot's Short-tailed Shrew



Meadow Vole



Prairie Vole



Plains Pocket Mouse



Deer Mouse



Evening Bat



House Mouse



White-footed Mouse



Little Brown Bat



Western Harvest Mouse



Southern Red-backed Vole



Northern Long-eared Bat



Hayden's Shrew



Southern Bog Lemming



Least Shrew



Indiana Bat



Woodland Vole



Masked Shrew

Mammal Activity

Here are different mammal footprints.
Can you go outside and see if you can
find any?





The Bear Went Over the Mountain

THE BEAR WENT OVER THE MOUNTAIN,
THE BEAR WENT OVER THE MOUNTAIN,
THE BEAR WENT OVER THE MOUNTAIN,
TO SEE WHAT HE COULD SEE
TO SEE WHAT HE COULD SEE,
TO SEE WHAT HE COULD SEE
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN,
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN,
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN,
WAS ALL THAT HE COULD SEE
WAS ALL THAT HE COULD SEE,
WAS ALL THAT HE COULD SEE,
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN,
WAS ALL THAT HE COULD SEE!



Suggested Reading

**The Mitten
Jane Yolen**

**Whose Tracks Are
These
Jim Nail**

**Is a Camel a Mammal
Trish Rabe**

Drink
Milk

Hair or Fur

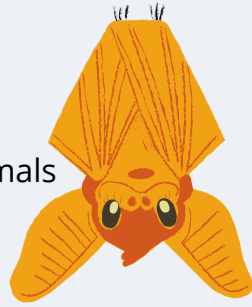
Warm Blooded
Make their own body heat

Mammal

Don't Lay Eggs



Bats are mammals



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found in Iowa

Exceptions

lay eggs but are
only found in Australia

Platypus

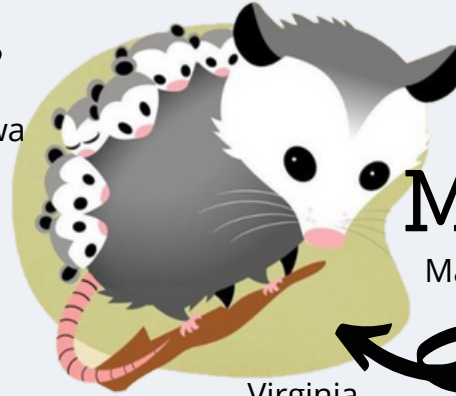
Spiny
Echidna



Marsupial

Mammals who carry their
babies in a pouch.

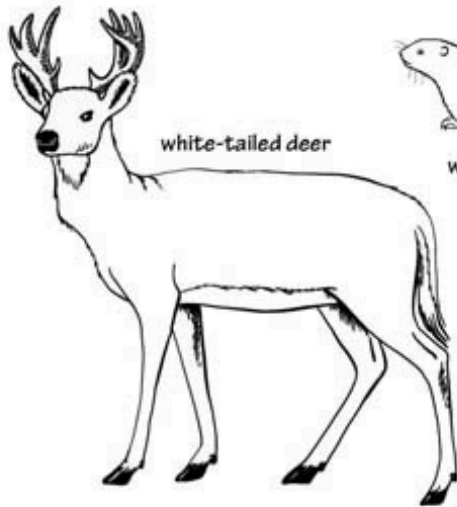
Virginia
Opposum



Color the Iowa Mammals



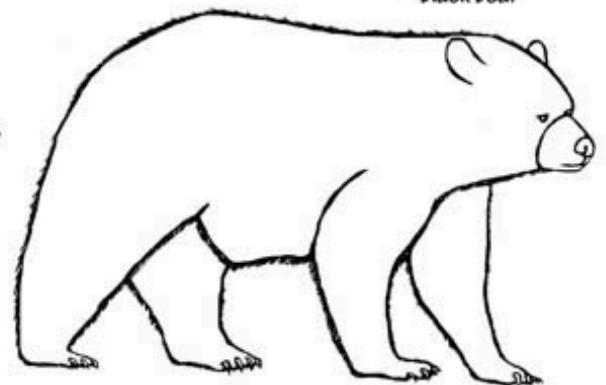
big brown bat



white-tailed deer



woodchuck



black bear

short-tailed weasel

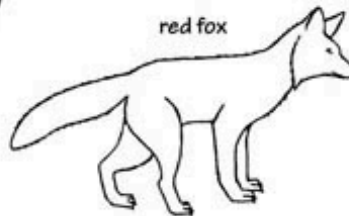


beaver

thirteen-lined
ground squirrel

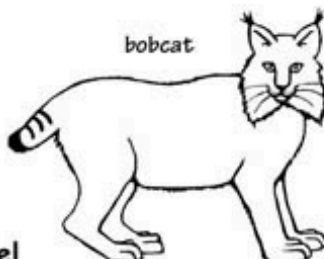


red fox

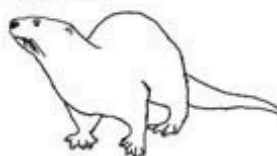


raccoon

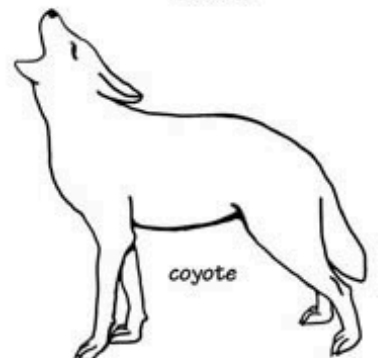
bobcat



river otter



gray squirrel



coyote