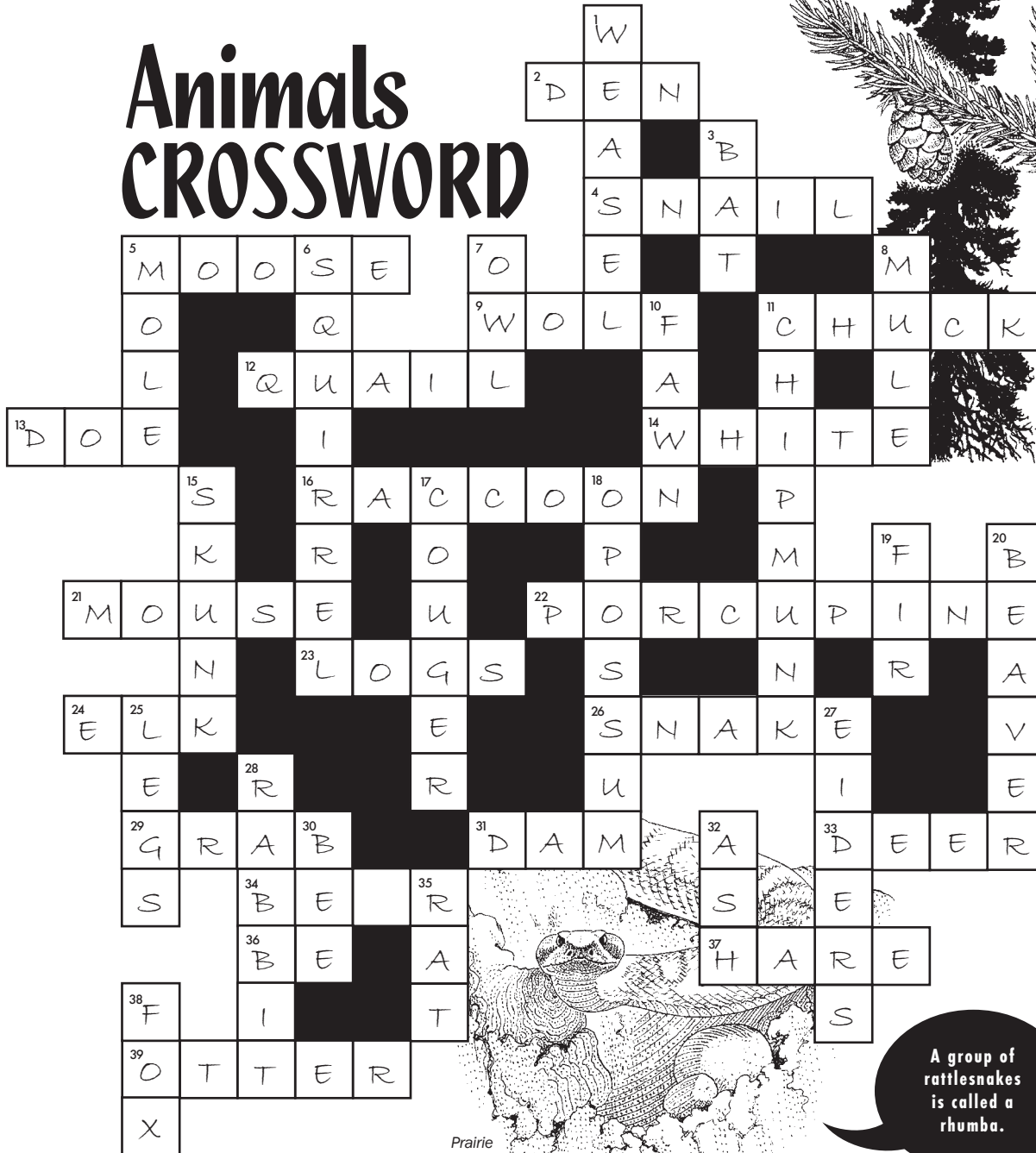


# Animals CROSSWORD



Prairie Rattlesnake



Growing up to 15 m tall, the black spruce is the dominant tree in boggy areas of northern Saskatchewan.

DOWN

1. A pointy-nosed mammal; rhymes with measles.
3. Looks like a mouse with wings.
5. This furry tunneller seldom comes out by day.
6. A bushy-tailed nut lover.
7. What a hoot!
8. The offspring of a donkey and a horse.
10. A baby deer.
11. Looks a bit like a small, striped squirrel.
15. Phew! Don't alarm this animal.
17. A mountain lion.
18. This furry mammal hangs upside down.
19. An evergreen; rhymes with purr.
20. This animal chomps down trees.
25. Many animals have four of these.
27. Soft down from these ducks fills sleeping bags.
28. A hippety-hopper.
30. Honey-making insect.
32. A tree; rhymes with gnash.
35. It followed the Pied Piper.
38. The hunter in 29.

ACROSS

2. A winter home for bears.
4. This slowpoke wears a shell.
5. Rhymes with goose.
9. A wild relative of the dog.
11. A wood \_\_\_\_ is often mistaken for a groundhog.
12. This bird's name rhymes with whale.
13. A female deer.
14. In winter, several normal animals turn \_\_\_\_.
16. This animal looks as if it is wearing a mask.
21. A cheese lover.
22. A prickly animal.
23. Small animals sometimes sleep in hollow \_\_\_\_.
24. A large deer with spreading antlers.
26. It slithers.
29. Watch out, mouse! A fox might \_\_\_\_ you.
31. Beavers build this.
33. A buck is a male \_\_\_\_.
34. This hibernates in 2 across.
36. \_\_\_\_ prepared! The Boy Scout motto.
37. The snowshoe \_\_\_\_ has big furry feet.
39. A sleek, web-footed river animal.

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A group of rattlesnakes is called a rhumba.

# Grades 9–12 | Upstairs Galleries

1. As you travel through the Life Sciences Gallery, record the common name, as well as the genus and species for an organism in each of the following categories:

- Beetle \_\_\_\_\_
- Coniferous tree \_\_\_\_\_
- Deciduous tree \_\_\_\_\_
- Fish \_\_\_\_\_
- Flower \_\_\_\_\_
- Lichen \_\_\_\_\_
- Fungus \_\_\_\_\_
- Moss \_\_\_\_\_
- Rodent \_\_\_\_\_
- Shore bird \_\_\_\_\_
- Snake \_\_\_\_\_
- Spider \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name an organism that is adapted to live in a bog wetland.

Sundew, Pitcher plant

3. Why does the northern hawk owl have “hawk” in its name?

It likes to hunt during the day like a hawk.

4. What is a keystone species? A species which is responsible for the existence of an ecosystem.

5. In the Aspen Parkland, what is an advantage to having the ground water close to the surface? Salt-free soil.

6. What is obligate siblicide? Name a few animals that practise it.

First born kills its sibling so it won't have to compete for food. Pelicans, cranes, some hawks, and eagles.

7. What animal in the *Mixed Grassland* diorama has the most predators? Grasshopper

8. Why are prairie grasses able to quickly recover in the event of a prairie fire? They direct most of their energy into below-ground growth, producing deep roots.

9. What are some of the factors that make the Cypress Upland such a unique ecosystem? \_\_\_\_\_

Higher elevation, geological history, humid climate, was ice free during the last ice age

10. Animals have many different ways of defending themselves.

Match the following species to their different forms of defence.

- Pronghorn d, g
- Porcupine c
- Elk c, g
- Turtle c
- Rabbit b, d, f
- Mallard b, e
- Beaver c, f
- Ground Squirrel f, g
- Goose e, g
- Deer c, d, g
- Monarch a, b
- Skunk a
- Garter Snake a

a. Chemical

b. Camouflage

c. Body Structures

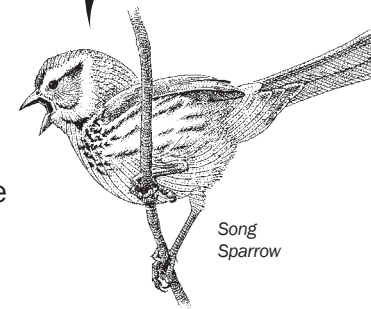
d. Speed

e. Bluffing

f. Home Escape

g. Grouping

Up to 75% of the air that birds breathe is just for cooling down since they are unable to sweat.



Song Sparrow

11. What significant greenhouse gas is released in the Mackenzie Delta, and what is its source? Gas: methane, source: peat