

## Mammal Vocabulary:

**Carnivore** - an animal that only eats other animals.

**Census** - an exact count of every animal in an area.

**Crepuscular** - an animal active during dawn and dusk.

**Diurnal** - active during the day.

**Habitat** - the area that provides a living thing with adequate food, water, shelter, space.

**Herbivore** - an animal that only eats plant material.

**Home Range** - the space that an animal occupies during its life.

**Nocturnal** - active during the night.

**Omnivore** - an animal that eats plant material and other animals.

**Population** - the number of individuals of a particular species in an area.

**Population Index** - a method of telling how abundant animals are by counting signs the animals leave instead of counting the animals themselves.

**Predator** - an animal that eats other animals.

**Prey** - an animal that is eaten by other animals.

**Sample** - an estimate made by studying part of the entire population.

**Taxonomy** - the science of identification, naming and classification of living organisms.

**Warm-blooded** - an animal with the ability to generate and conserve heat in order to maintain a stable, warm body temperature.

**Vertebrate** - an animal with a backbone or spine.

