



Red Fox

Diet: voles, rabbits, hares, other small mammals, birds, fruits, and invertebrates

Fun Facts:

- Incredible hunters, they can pinpoint an almost exact location from a sound they hear (within 1 degree)
- Their ears are very sensitive and can hear a mouse squeal from 150 feet
- They use their long fluffy tail to keep themselves warm
- Probably introduced in Pennsylvania after European colonization



Eastern Cottontail Rabbit

Diet: grasses, clover, weeds, bulbs, leaves and twigs

Fun Facts:

- Can have up to 35 young a year
- A female is called a doe and a male a buck, their babies are kits
- While trying to escape a predator they zigzag to confuse the predator

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Bole

Groundhog



fox



Furry friends of the Gordon Natural Area

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Rabbit

Squirrel

Deer



White-tail Deer

Diet: leaves, twigs, shoots, acorns, berries, and seeds, grasses and herbs

Fun Facts:

- Have powerful legs that can run up to 40 mph and jump 6 ft without a running start
- Bucks will rest on their right side while facing downwind which allows them to sense danger from all directions
- Excellent swimmers, and will go into water when scared



Groundhog

Diet: clovers, dandelions, chickweed, alfalfa, sorrel, beans, peas, grains, grasses,

Fun Facts:

- While hibernating, curls into a ball and body temperature lowers to air temperature and heart rate to about 4 beats a minute
- Their dens are very important because they are used by many other animals after they have left, and they provide aeration for the soil
- Their dens can be as large as 45 ft long and 5 ft deep



Eastern Gray Squirrel

Diet: acorns, hickory nuts, walnuts and beechnuts. berries, mushrooms, pine seeds, base of corn, buds, dogwood, wild cherry and black gum fruits

Fun Facts:

- Prefers to live in tree cavities, but if none are available will build a nest with leaves
- Only see black and white, but have very good vision and easily spot movement
- They bury nuts for later use in the winter, and those they don't eat later can grow into trees