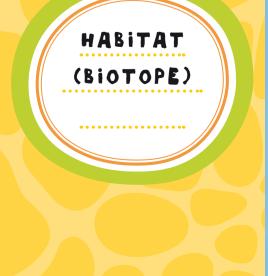




Everyone likes to show off sometimes, and the black-tailed jackrabbit is no exception. To impress a beautiful doe, rival males perform breakneck jumps and fights. This rabbit's large ears hear the slightest rustle in the grass.



A neat reflection followed by a few splashes and then the basilisk is running on water. This sight surprises every pursuer. The green basilisk lives in Central America in bushes close to water.



The skunk has a terrible smell.
Wolves and foxes are careful
to avoid being sprayed by its
vile liquid. Skunks can only
be attacked by creatures
without a nose, such as
the great horned owl.



# ANIMALS OF NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

On an expedition through the wilderness of North America you'll experience heavy frosts and burning heat. In the north you can't get by without snowshoes, but in the middle of the continent you'll need plentiful supplies of water. In the forests of the temperate zone there are many adventures to be had. If you leave food in your tent, you'll encourage a hungry bear to pay you a visit. As you journey south through the continent, you will cross great plains known as the North American Prairies, where the land is dry and vegetation is scarce. Life is hard for the creatures that live there; often they are forced to hide from the sun and their predators in burrows and under rocks. Central America is in the tropical climate zone. As you approach the Equator its vegetation becomes more and more difficult to penetrate and it provides a home for a huge amount of animals.

#### YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

is a great place to observe animals. It is the oldest park in the world, and its wild scenery is embedded in a breathtaking landscape of canyons, mountains and geothermal springs. In the harsh winters majestic bison like to make use of these hot springs to warm themselves up.

#### AMERICAN BLACK BEAR

A very strong swimmer for whom climbing trees is child's play. You can recognize the boundaries of his territory by scratches on the bark of trees.

#### COUGARS

Cougar cubs stay with their mother for up to two years. When threatened by a bear or any other large predator, the mother is very fierce in defence of her young.

#### AMERICAN BISON

Although once they roamed the prairies in herds of millions, owing to uncontrolled hunting they are today nearly extinct. They can be seen in Yellowstone National Park.

## ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE

Catches fish with its tongue, which is shaped like a worm. The snap of its jaws that follows is quick and very powerful. If you were to try to

feed it, you could easily lose a finger.

## MONARCH BUTTERFLY

If in Mexico you come across trees entirely covered in thousands of butterflies, you have found the wintering place of the monarch. In spring millions of wings stir again and fly towards the northern United States and Canada.

#### RED CARDINAL

The male is capable of treating his partner withgallantry. To please her, he places tasty berries in her mouth.

#### MEXICAN PRAIRIE DOGS

The Mexican prairie dog lives in large family groups. A kiss on meeting serves as its identity card. If the scent of another prairie dog is not that of its own family group, it will have nothing more to do with it.

#### KINGSNAKE

This species of kingsnake, known as the milksnake, is not venomous, although the similarly-striped coral snake is.
So you should learn this saying: "Red and black, no poison in its pack; red and yellow, cruel death will follow."



#### COYOTE

The coyote is also known as the prairie wolf. Pups never go far from the den where their mother takes care of them. The father has the difficult task of finding food for them all. According to Amerindian legend the coyote is a joker who likes to poke fun at humans.



### MOUNTAIN GOAT

The small-hooved mountain goat is amazingly sure-footed on the most hazardous rock face. It lives at high altitudes in the rocky mountains of North America.





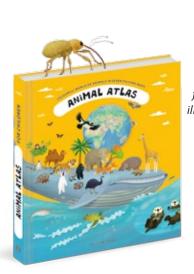
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