

# Virtual Project Crystal

## Field Guide to Mammals and Reptiles



### Bobcat

Size: 11-30 lbs and 30-60 cm tall.

Coloration: Bobcats have a tan coat covered in brown and black splotches. They are easily identified by their bobbed or shortened tail, for which they are named. They have tufted ears and large paws.

Diet: Carnivorous, they primarily feed on small mammals and rodents.



### Coyote

Size: 15-46 lbs and 58-66 cm tall.

Coloration: Coyotes are lean-bodied grey and brown mammals with large ears and a long tail usually held low to the ground.

Diet: Omnivorous, coyotes have a diverse diet including rodents, small mammals, berries and cactus fruit.



### California Ground Squirrel

Size: Up to 2 lbs and 46 cm in length.

Coloration: Ground squirrels have brown-gray fur with white spotting or flecks on their backs and a long, bushy tail.

Diet: Primarily herbivorous, Ground Squirrels feed on berries, plant stems, leaves, and nuts.



### Deer Mouse

Size: 11.9-22.2 cm long.

Coloration: They are brown or black on top with white undersides and legs.

Diet: Deer Mice feed on seeds, nuts, fruits, bark, leaves and roots.

Deer Mice are nocturnal feeders.



### Desert Cottontail

Size: Up to 3.25 lbs and 33-43 cm in length.

Coloration: Desert Cottontails are tan and gray with lighter shading on their underside. They have long, erect ears and a small white tail.

Diet: Herbivorous, they feed on grasses, fruits and seeds.



### Dusky-Footed Woodrat

Size: Up to 40 cm in length.

Coloration: Their fur ranges from cinnamon to gray in color. They have rounded ears, dark-colored feet, and long furry tails.

Diet: Herbivorous, they mainly feed on bark, seeds, greens, berries and nuts.



### Gopher Snake

Size: 91cm to 245 cm in length.

Coloration: Ranges from cream-yellow to green-gray to tan, with black, brown or reddish blotches on their backs and sides.

Diet: Gophers, other rodents, birds and eggs.



### Western Fence Lizard

Size: 5-21 cm in length.

Coloration: Brown or black with striping on their backs, commonly have a blue belly. Diet: Primarily insects.

These lizards commonly sun themselves when not eating. They also hibernate, so they will not be seen during the winter months.



### Western Diamond-Back Rattlesnake

Size: 120-180 cm in length.

Coloration: Usually colored in light red and brown hues with alternating darker bands or spots. Tail is distinguished by its rattle.

Diet: Carnivorous, they mainly feed on small mammals, birds, and lizards.

They are active during cool weather and nocturnal during summer months of extreme heat.