



Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Wisconsin 4-H Forestry

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Participation in wildlife & forestry activities are open to all Wisconsin 4-H club members. You can be enrolled in any 4-H project and participate in the activities.

Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Friends,

Did you know Wisconsin is home to a number of rare and uncommon mammals? In addition to a number of rare bats, Wisconsin is a heritage home to the snowshoe hare, the Canada lynx, northern flying squirrel, and American marten.

Here's more. Snowshoe hares are forest dwellers. Their coats are snow white in winter but turn brown when the snow melts. This color change takes about 10 weeks to complete. The Canada Lynx resembles a bobcat except they have solid black on the top and bottom of their tail. They have triangular ears with black tufts at the tips and are good climbers and swimmers. They are rare in Wisconsin and federally protected. The Northern flying squirrel uses its patagium (loose flap of skin between the front and hind legs) to glide between trees. They live 3-4 years and produce one litter per year between May and October. The American Marten is a member of the weasel family. They had to be reintroduced into Wisconsin after loss of habitat and over trapping significantly dwindled their numbers.

Source: [Wisconsin's Rare Mammals - Wisconsin DNR](#)

Looking for more outdoor inspiration and activities?

Check out this link for free resources! [Education and Learning | Wisconsin DNR](#)



Wildlife WHEP & Forestry Skill Level Workbooks

Check out the Wildlife & Forestry Skill Level Workbooks for your classes.

They are fun and fillable. (Approx. 10 pages each)

Request a copy of Skill Level 1 by email. Answers will be sent upon request.

Skill Level 2 (more advanced) is now available, too.



Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Art Contest – April 1st & 2nd, 2022. It's time to start taking pictures and getting ideas for the upcoming contest.

Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry committee members and youth leaders can do age specific hands-on activities in your county. We'll train your youth and adult leaders at the same time. Parents, youth, and adult leaders are encouraged to participate to find out how easy it is to lead these hands-on activities. Contact us anytime and reserve your program dates.

"Backyard & Back 40" Wildlife & Forestry Activities – We have topic suggestions for you. Just let us know and we'll email you: Wildlife/Forestry Activities - Anytime or Anywhere, along Wildlife WHEP Class Topics and Forestry Class Topics. There are topics for every interest and age group in the listings and we have more topics if needed. Need more ideas? Try these. 1.) Purple Loosetripe Beetle Growing Program, 2.) Building Bat Houses, 3.) Improving Habitat for Pollinators, 4.) Building Butterfly/Rain Gardens & Project Milkweed, 5.) Improving Habitat for Migrating Land Birds, 6.) Improving Upland Bird Habitats, 7.) Water & Riparian Areas Improvements, 8.) Forestry Fundamentals & Management Practices, 9.) Trees for Wildlife, Recreation, & A Renewable Resource, 10.) Maps, Topography, Compass, & GPS, 11.) And more.

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