

- Hispid pocket mouse**
Chaetodipus hispidus
- Ord's kangaroo rat**
Dipodomys ordii
- Beaver**
Castor canadensis
- Western harvest mouse**
Reithrodontomys megalotis
- Plains harvest mouse**
Reithrodontomys montanus
- White-footed mouse**
Peromyscus leucopus
- Deer mouse**
Peromyscus maniculatus
- Northern grasshopper mouse**
Onychomys leucogaster
- Hispid cotton rat**
Sigmodon hispidus
- Eastern woodrat**
Neotoma floridana
- Prairie vole**
Microtus ochrogaster
- Southern bog lemming**
Synaptomys cooperi
- Muskrat**
Ondatra zibethicus
- House mouse**
Mus musculus
- Norway rat**
Rattus norvegicus



WHITE-FOOTED MOUSE



FOX SQUIRREL



VIRGINIA OPOSSUM

CHEYENNE BOTTOMS MAMMALS



MUSKRAT

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MAMMALS

Forty-three species of mammals have been identified at Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area. Mammals are defined by having hair or fur, giving live birth, and nursing young outside their mother's body.

Each mammal has a diverse ecological role at the wetlands; larger mammals such as bobcats and badgers are predators and prey on smaller mammal species, such as rodents. Some mammals, such as deer, rabbits and most rodents are herbivores – meaning they only eat plants and plant seeds – while others such as coyotes, opossums, raccoons and skunks are omnivores and eat a variety of foods. Many of the smaller mammal species are preyed upon by several species of predators and omnivores, such as large wading birds, raptors, red foxes and reptiles. Bats are insectivores and feed on insects.

One of the more unique mammal species that can easily be seen in the marsh are muskrats. Look for them swimming at the water's surface or search for their homes, which are made of piles of dry cattails and mud among cattails.

DEER

Mule deer

Odocoileus hemionus

White-tailed deer

Odocoileus virginianus

CARNIVORES

Coyote

Canis latrans

Red fox

Vulpes vulpes

Long-tailed weasel

Mustela frenata

Least weasel

Mustela nivalis

Mink

Neovison vison

American badger

Taxidea taxus

Striped skunk

Mephitis mephitis

Raccoon

Procyon lotor

Bobcat

Lynx rufus

ARMADILLOS

Nine-banded armadillo

Dasypus novemcinctus

BATS

Big brown bat

Eptesicus fuscus

Silver-haired bat

Lasiurus noctivagans

Eastern red bat

Lasiurus borealis

Hoary bat

Aeorestes cinereus

Evening bat

Nycticeius humeralis

OPOSSUMS

Virginia opossum

Didelphis virginiana

SHREWS and MOLES

Elliot's short-tailed shrew

Blarina hylophaga

Least shrew

Cryptotis parvus

Eastern mole

Scalopus aquaticus

RABBITS and HARES

Black-tailed jackrabbit

Lepus californicus

Eastern cottontail

Sylvilagus floridanus

RODENTS

Thirteen-lined ground squirrel

Ictidomys tridecemlineatus

Black-tailed prairie dog

Cynomys ludovicianus

Fox squirrel

Sciurus niger

Plains pocket gopher

Geomys bursarius

Plains pocket mouse

Perognathus flavescens