



Who Am I? Game



Today we're going to learn about New Brunswick wildlife! In the 'Who Am I' Game, **we** are a rich community of animals that are found all around the province of New Brunswick – on land, in the air, and also by ocean! But, the animal that you are going to be is a **Mystery!**

Here's how you play:

To begin, you will need to cut out the **Cards** on the following pages. Take note of the **Answer Key** sheet too, but don't show the player(s)!

- **For parents playing with young children**, tell the child(ren) that they will be given a card that contains top-secret information about which animal they are. They won't be able to see the information, but you or another player will! They have to figure it out by the clues that you will provide!

Ask the player(s) to close their eyes when you hand them a card (no peaking at the card!). They will then hold this card to their forehead as they play the game. The side of the card with **Clues** should be facing you. The clues will follow this order:

5. Fun fact
 4. Habit or behaviour
 3. Food
 2. Habitat
 1. [Photo of animal]
- I am a ...

One by one, give the player clues from 5 to 1, asking them to guess after each clue. Once they've arrived at clue 1, they can look at the picture on the card for a **Final Guess**. You can verify their guess by checking the **Answer Key** sheet. If they still can't guess it, that's okay! This game is about learning about New Brunswick wildlife!

- **For parents playing with older children**, you can follow the rules above, but we invite you to add an extra twist to the game! Award points to player(s) depending on when they were able to correctly guess the animal. For example, if they guessed the animal after you gave them the Food clue (clue #3), they get 3 points! Keep track of the points throughout the game. At the end of the game, the winner is the player with the most points.
- **After the game**, you can start a discussion about what you learned:
 - Did you learn about an animal you had never heard of? Which one?
 - What new, cool information did you learn about animals you've seen before?
 - How can we respect wildlife and their habitats (home) when we play outside? We call this 'Watching Your Paws'! How do you watch your paws when in nature?

Thanks for Playing!

- 5. I will make loud chattering noises as a warning for predators to leave me alone.
- 4. I am usually active at night (nocturnal) and enjoy resting in trees on nice, summer days.
- 3. In the summer, I feast on twigs, roots, stems, and berries. During winter, I prefer needles and tree bark.
- 2. I like to live close to trees and I make my dens in rock piles, caves, fallen logs, and trees.

1.



Answer Key: 1

- 5. I can travel as fast as 45 km an hour.
- 4. I take trail maintenance seriously! I will even trim back stems and leaves that block my usual paths.
- 3. I enjoy a variety of food. In the summer I'll eat strawberries, fireweed, lupine, bluebell, leaves, and more!
- 2. I live in forests with spruce and fir trees.

1.



Answer Key: 2

- 5. I'm very slow when walking on land, but I am an excellent, strong swimmer!
- 4. If my kits (babies) are in danger, the mother will carry them in her mouth, under water, to safety.
- 3. Throughout the winter, I like to gnaw on bark from aspen, willow, and birch trees. In the summer, you'll find me eating plants and fruits.

2. I live near trees and freshwater. As an expert builder, I like to make a cozy home for myself using trees.

1.



Answer Key: 3

- 5. I use the color on my tail to warn others of danger.
- 4. I can leave my newborn attended for many hours at a time. It has excellent camouflage.
- 3. I enjoy eating leafy foods like plants, grasses, and herbs. My favourites are fiddleheads, mushrooms, and blueberries!
- 2. I live in forested or bushy areas.

1.



Answer Key: 4

- 5. I can stay under water for almost a minute and dive to depths of 80 metres!
- 4. I may have to run several hundred metres along the surface of water before I can gain enough speed to take off.
- 3. I eat fish, crayfish, frogs, snails, leeches, and even salamanders.
- 2. I spend most of my time on freshwater, but will pull myself onto land to nest.

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Answer Key: 5

- 5. I'm fairly new to New Brunswick. I only moved here in the 1970s.
- 4. I have excellent senses of hearing and smell to help me when hunting.
- 3. I eat just about anything, including rabbits, deer, small rodents, wild fruits, and insects.
- 2. I'm usually found in semi-wooded areas, but I've learned to adapt to different habitats as my range has expanded.

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Answer Key: 6

5. I am the second largest animal on the planet – usually around 20 metres long.

4. I can dive to depths of more than 200 metres to find my supper.

3. I eat small fish, squid, and crustaceans.

2. You can find me in all of the world’s major oceans.

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Answer Key: 7

5. I was almost hunted to the point of extinction and I am still rare to this day.

4. Every 2-6 years, I will give birth to one calf in the warmer waters of Florida before migrating up to the Bay of Fundy.

3. I eat small, rice-sized crustaceans that float in the water. They look like tiny shrimp!

2. I like to stay in shallow, coastal ocean waters.

1.



Answer Key: 8

5. Between June and September, I will have a completely new set of feathers.

4. Both mother and father will help to build the nest and care for the young.

3. I eat wild fruits, acorns, hazelnuts, grains, insects, and the eggs of other birds.

2. I live in mixed-wood forests, especially if there are beech, hazel, or oak trees around.

1.



Answer Key: 9

5. I am quite vocal! When I call out, it almost sounds like I’m laughing: ‘yik, yik, yik...’

4. I’m a strong flyer, but usually quite slow.

3. My favourite food is the carpenter ant, but I also eat termites and other insects.

2. I live in forests with large, standing, dead trees and downed wood.

1.



Answer Key: 10

5. I migrate between the Arctic and South America every year – more than 3000 km.

4. I fly with a large flock of birds. We are very synchronized and can change directions together.

3. I eat insects and tiny invertebrates that look like miniature shrimp.

2. I breed on open tundra near water, but I winter and migrate along mudflats, beaches, and other bodies of water.

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Answer Key: 11

5. I have hundreds of small teeth, but I don’t use them when feeding.

4. Despite my large size and threatening appearance, I am not aggressive towards humans.

3. I usually swim around with my mouth open and catch whatever plankton (tiny organisms) flows in.

2. You can find me in oceans around the world, from the water’s surface down to at least 910 metres!

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Answer Key: 12

5. In the winter, my fur covers my feet – you can't even see my toes in my tracks!

4. I hunt at any time of day in spring and summer, but I am most active at dawn and dusk.

3. I eat small rodents, eggs, and berries.

2. I live in old growth forests.

1.



Answer Key: 13

5. My call sounds like I am saying "Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you all?"

4. I roost on branches and in tree cavities during the day, and hunt by night.

3. I eat small mammals, some small birds, amphibians, reptiles, and invertebrates.

2. I live in mixed forests of large trees, often near water.

1.



Answer Key: 14

5. My friends and I perform complex aerial displays that can last 30 minutes.

4. I hide from predators in plain sight because of my great camouflage.

3. I eat invertebrates like marine worms, fly larvae, molluscs, and crustaceans. I come to New Brunswick every year to feed on the mudflats.

2. I live on beaches – lakeshores, river sandbars, and ocean coasts.

1.



Answer Key: 15

5. I cannot run fast, so I lie in wait for my prey and then pounce.

4. I am most active at night, and rarely seen in the wild.

3. I usually eat snowshoe hares, but when I can't find those, I will eat other small mammals and birds.

2. I live in old growth forests with dense undergrowth.

1.



Answer Key: 16

5. When I am afraid, I make myself small and I grin.

4. Although I am most active at night (nocturnal), it is not unusual to see me out during the day.

3. I usually eat small mammals, but I also eat plants, fruits, and berries.

2. I live in wooded areas.

1.



Answer Key: 17

5. I can travel over almost any terrain, even deep snow.

4. In the summer, I will cool off in water – I am actually a very good swimmer!

3. I eat leaves, twigs, shrubs, and aquatic plants.

2. I live near lakes, swamps, or streams.

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Answer Key: 18

- 5. My whiskers help me hunt by sensing pressure waves from fish.
- 4. I give birth to pups in late spring – I need ice to do this!
- 3. I eat lots of fish.
- 2. I live in the coastal waters of the Atlantic Ocean and rest on the rocky coast and beaches.

1.



Answer Key: 19

- 5. I am well adapted to cold water; I am rarely found in water warmer than 16 degrees Celsius.
- 4. I swim mostly in small social groups that travel together between feeding areas.
- 3. I eat a variety of small fish, such as cod, herring, and capelin.
- 2. I live in the Atlantic Ocean and spend some time in bays and harbours during the summer.

1.



Answer Key: 20

- 5. I have a tympanum – a round shaped spot on the sides of my head that helps me hear.
- 4. I live in water when I am young, and between water and land as an adult.
- 3. I will eat any animal I can catch that fits in my mouth. I usually munch on spiders, small fish and frogs, crayfish, and even small snakes.
- 2. I live where I can find shallow fresh water; near ponds, ditches, lakes, swamps, streams, and brooks.

1.



Answer Key: 21

- 5. I am very vocal and make all kinds of noises. You may have even mistaken my chirps for a bird!
- 4. I hibernate below ground in my burrow all winter and emerge during the first warm days of March.
- 3. I love to munch on seeds, fruits, and nuts.
- 2. I live in forested areas with lots of ground cover to hide from predators.

1.



Answer Key: 22

- 5. I have flexible lips and a long, agile tongue that help me gather tiny foods like blueberries and ants.
- 4. I hibernate in a den during the winter.
- 3. I will eat anything available, but I really love berries and nuts.
- 2. I live in heavily wooded areas and dense bushlands.

1.



Answer Key: 23

- 5. I am Canada's largest bird of prey.
- 4. I use thermal convection currents (a column of rising air) to soar, and can glide at speeds of 56-70 km/h.
- 3. I eat fish, aquatic birds, and mammals.
- 2. I prefer to make my nest in mature forests with large trees that allow me to see far and wide.

1.



Answer Key: 24

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Answer Key!

# 1 I am a... Porcupine!	#2 I am a... Snowshoe Hare!	#3 I am a... Beaver!	#4 I am a... White-tailed Deer!
#5 I am a... Common Loon!	#6 I am an... Eastern Coyote!	#7 I am a... Finback Whale!	#8 I am a... North Atlantic Right Whale!
#9 I am a... Blue Jay!	#10 I am a... Pileated Woodpecker!	#11 I am a... Semipalmated Sandpiper!	#12 I am a... Basking Shark!
#13 I am an... American Marten!	#14 I am a... Barred Owl!	#15 I am a... Piping Plover!	#16 I am a... Canada Lynx!
#17 I am a... Red Fox!	#18 I am a... Moose!	#19 I am a... Harbour Seal!	#20 I am a... Harbour Porpoise!
#21 I am a... Green Frog!	#22 I am a... Eastern Chipmunk!	#23 I am a... Black Bear!	#24 I am a... Bald Eagle!