

This is the definitive list of the Mammals of Minnesota (~80 species). A few of the taxonomic names differ between this list and the field guide (Burt and Grossenheider 1976). Taxonomy here follows Wilson and Cole (2000). When in conflict, *this is the list to follow*. Older names are listed in [brackets]

## Order: Didelphimorphia

## Family: Didelphidae

Virginia Opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*)

## Order: Insectivora

## Family: Talpidae

Eastern Mole (*Scalopus aquaticus*)Star-nosed mole (*Condylura cristata*)

## Family: Soricidae

Masked shrew (*Sorex cinereus*)Arctic shrew (*Sorex arcticus*)Northern Water Shrew (*Sorex palustris*)Pygmy shrew (*Sorex hoyi*)Least shrew (*Cryptotis parva*)Short-tailed shrew (*Blarina brevicauda*)

## Order: Chiroptera

## Family: Vespertilionidae

Little brown myotis (*Myotis lucifugus*)Northern myotis (*Myotis septentrionalis*), [formerly Keen's myotis (*Myotis keenii*)]Big brown bat (*Eptesicus fuscus*)Eastern Pipistrel (*Pipistrellus subflavus*)Silver-haired bat (*Lasionycteris noctivagans*)Red bat (*Lasiurus borealis*)Hoary bat (*Lasiurus cinereus*)

## Order: Lagomorpha

## Family: Leporidae

White-tailed jackrabbit (*Lepus townsendii*)Showshoe hare (*Lepus americanus*)Eastern cottontail (*Sylvilagus floridanus*)

## Order: Rodentia

## Family: Sciuridae

Woodchuck (*Marmota monax*)Franklin's ground squirrel (*Spermophilus franklinii*)Thirteen-lined ground squirrel (*Spermophilus tridecemlineatus*)Richardson's ground squirrel (*Spermophilus richardsonii*)Least chipmunk (*Tamias minimus*)Eastern chipmunk (*Tamias striatus*)Red squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*)Gray squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*)Fox squirrel (*Sciurus niger*)Southern flying squirrel (*Glaucomys volans*)Northern flying squirrel (*Glaucomys sabrinus*)

## Family: Geomyidae

Northern pocket gopher (*Thomomys talpoides*)Plains pocket gopher (*Geomys bursarius*)

## Order: Rodentia (continued)

## Family: Heteromyidae

Plains pocket mouse (*Perognathus flavescens*)

## Family: Castoridae

Beaver (*Castor canadensis*)

## Family: Muridae, formerly Cricetidae

Western harvest mouse (*Reithrodontomys megalotis*)Northern grasshopper mouse (*Onychomys leucogaster*)Prairie deer mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus bairdii*)Woodland deer mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus gracilis*)Northern white-footed mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*)Southern bog lemming (*Synaptomys cooperi*)Northern bog lemming (*Synaptomys borealis*)Southern Red-backed vole (*Clethrionomys gapperi*)Meadow vole (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*)Prairie vole (*Microtus ochrogaster*)Rock vole (*Microtus chrotorrhinus*)Pine vole (*Pitymys pinetorum*)Muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*)

## Family: Muridae

Norway rat (*Rattus norvegicus*)House mouse (*Mus musculus*)

## Family: Zapodidae

Meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius*)Woodland jumping mouse (*Napaeozapus insignis*)

## Family: Erethizontidae

Porcupine (*Erethizon dorsatum*)

## Order: Carnivora

## Family: Ursidae

Black bear (*Ursus americanus*)Grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos* [*Ursus horribilis*]) - extirpated

## Family: Procyonidae

Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*)

## Family: Mustelidae

Pine marten (*Martes americana*)Fisher (*Martes pennanti*)Short-tailed weasel or ermine (*Mustela erminea*)Least weasel (*Mustela nivalis*) {*Mustela rixosa* is the old name}Long-tailed weasel (*Mustela frenata*)Mink (*Mustela vison*)Wolverine (*Gulo gulo*)River otter (*Lontra canadensis* [*Lutra canadensis*])Eastern spotted skunk (*Spilogale putorius*)Stripped skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*)Badger (*Taxidea taxus*)

## Order: Carnivora (continued)

## Family: Canidae

- Red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)
- Gray fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*)
- Swift fox (*Vulpes velox*) - extirpated
- Coyote (*Canis latrans*)
- Gray (or Timber) wolf (*Canis lupus*)

## Family: Felidae

- Mountain lion (*Puma concolor* [*Felis concolor*])
- Canada lynx (*Lynx canadensis* [*Felis lynx*])
- Bobcat (*Lynx rufus* [*Felis rufus*])

## Order: Artiodactyla

## Family: Cervidae

- Elk (*Cervus elaphus*)
- White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*)
- Mule deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*)
- Moose (*Alces alces*)
- Woodland caribou (*Rangifer tarandus* [*Rangifer caribou*])

## Family: Antilocapridae

- Pronghorn (*Antilocapra americana*) - extirpated

## Family: Bovidae

- Bison (*Bison bison*) - extirpated

**Common domestic mammals**

Order Carnivora	Family: Canidae	Dog ( <i>Canis lupus familiaris</i> )
	Family: Felidae	Cat ( <i>Felis silvestris catus</i> )
Order Perissodactyla	Family Equidae	Horse ( <i>Equus caballus</i> )
Order Artiodactyla	Family Suidae	Pig or wild boar ( <i>Sus scrofa</i> )
	Family Bovidae	Cattle ( <i>Bos taurus</i> )

**Big game animals native to western states (important for management issues)**

Order: Artiodactyla	Family Bovidae	Mountain goat ( <i>Oreamnos americanus</i> )
		Bighorn Sheep ( <i>Ovis canadensis</i> )

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