

What's Alive in Hamilton

Mammal Checklist

2013



Date or Location of Observation →

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CARNIVORES

American Badger (*Taxidea jacksoni*) **N, R**

American Mink (*Mustela vison*) **N, C**

Coyote (*Canis latrans*) **N, C**

Ermine (*Mustela erminea*) **N, R-U**

Long-tailed Weasel (*Mustela frenata*) **N, C**

North American River Otter (*Lontra canadensis*) **N, R**

Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) **N, C**

Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) **N, C**

Striped Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*) **N, C**

SHREWS & MOLES

Masked Shrew (*Sorex cinereus*) **N, C**

Northern Short-tailed Shrew (*Blarina brevicauda*) **N, C**

Smoky Shrew (*Sorex fumeus*) **N, C**

Water Shrew (*Sorex palustris*) **N, U**

Hairy-tailed Mole (*Parascalops breweri*) **N, U**

Star-nosed Mole (*Condylura cristata*) **N, C**

BATS

Big Brown Bat (*Eptesicus fuscus*) **N, C**

Hoary Bat (*Lasiurus cinereus*) **N, C**

Little Brown Bat (*Myotis lucifugus*) **N, C**

Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) **N, C**

Eastern Red Bat (*Lasiurus borealis*) **N, C**

Silver-haired Bat (*Lasionycteris noctivagans*) **N, R**

RABBITS & HARES

Eastern Cottontail (*Sylvilagus floridanus*) **N, C**

European Hare (*Lepus europaeus*) **E**

Snowshoe Hare (*Lepus americanus*) **N, R/Exp**

OPOSSUMS

Virginia Opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) **N, C**

DEER

White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) **N, C**

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Mammals

Mammal records in Hamilton date back more than 4000 years, with paleontological and archaeological sites in the City of Hamilton often producing mammal remains. Muskrats, voles, northern flying squirrels, red foxes, black bears, elk, river otter, beavers, martens, bobcat, and eastern cottontails have all been recorded on historic sites.

Today, many of our indigenous mammals remain living within the City of Hamilton, though some are extirpated (species that have not been reported since 1946). It is very unlikely you will ever see a marten, fisher, grey wolf, lynx, bison, elk, or grey fox running through our natural areas again. Quite simply, the City of Hamilton cannot support these species anymore. We hope you enjoy this mammal species checklist.

Checklist Designed by Hamilton Conservation Authority

**Checklist sources: Hamilton Natural Heritage Database, 2013.
Atlas of the Mammals of Hamilton, Vlasman, K. 2005,
Hamilton Naturalists' Club, Hamilton, Ontario**

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