



## Join Durham's Spring WILDLIFE WATCH

Sponsored by Durham Conservation Commission

For three days, May 14-16, record the wildlife that you see pass through your yard. If you have one, use a trail camera to record activity at night. Print this form out, complete the checklist and send a photo or scan to [durhamwildbblitz@gmail.com](mailto:durhamwildbblitz@gmail.com). You can also print your completed checklist and place it in a Wildlife Watch data box at the Town Hall foyer or Durham Public Library. Your records will help the town determine what pathways or corridors animals use to move through Durham. Locating wildlife corridors will help us conserve important connectivity greenways.

Check off Date(s) observed: ☐ 5/14 ☐ 5/15 ☐ 5/16

Watch location (road/ street): \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Comments (weather, temperature, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in receiving a Conservation Commission newsletter? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in volunteering for a future Wildlife Watch? \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIES	MAX #	SPECIES	MAX #	HABITAT QUESTIONNAIRE	CHECK FOR YES
<b>Eastern Gray Squirrel</b> <i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>		<b>Red fox</b> <i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		Do you have a brush pile?	
<b>American Red Squirrel</b> <i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>		<b>Gray fox</b> <i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>		Is there a natural water source on your property?	
<b>Eastern chipmunk</b> <i>Tamias striatus</i>		<b>White-tailed Deer</b> <i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>		Are there dandelions or any other flowering plant in your lawn?	
<b>Woodland Jumping Mouse</b> <i>Napaeozapus insignis</i>		<b>Bobcat</b> <i>Lynx rufus</i>		Are wetlands present on your property?	
<b>House Mouse</b> <i>Mus musculus</i>		<b>Eastern Cottontail</b> <i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>		Is your yard abutting wetlands?	
<b>Deer Mouse</b> <i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>		<b>Snowshoe Hare</b> <i>Lepus americanus</i>		Do have have ornamental gardens?	
<b>Vole</b> <i>Microtus sp.</i>		<b>Bat</b> <i>Myotis sp.</i>		Do you have a vegetable garden?	
<b>Hairy-tailed mole</b> <i>Parascalops breweri</i>		<b>Northern Redback Salamander</b> <i>Plethodon cinereus</i>		Do you have a compost pile?	
<b>Eastern Mole</b> <i>Scalopus aquaticus</i>		<b>Eastern /Red-spotted Newt</b> <i>Notophthalmus viridescens</i>		Do you observe any nests in your yard?	
<b>Star-nosed Mole</b> <i>Condylura cristata</i>		<b>Spotted Salamander</b> <i>Ambystoma maculatum</i>		Do you have areas of dense vegetation or hedges?	
<b>Muskrat</b> <i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>		<b>American Toad</b> <i>Anaxyrus americana</i>		Are there any stone walls on your property?	
<b>American Beaver</b> <i>Castor canadensis</i>		<b>Wood Frog</b> <i>Lithobates sylvatica</i>		Does your yard have evergreen tree cover?	
<b>Opossum</b> <i>Didelphis virginiana</i>		<b>Green Frog</b> <i>Lithobates clamitans melanoma</i>		Does your yard have deciduous tree cover?	
<b>Fisher</b> <i>Pekania pennant</i>		<b>Gray Tree Frog</b> <i>Hyla versicolor</i>		Did you find tracks in your yard?	
<b>American Marten</b> <i>Martes americana</i>		<b>Spring Peeper</b> <i>Pseudacris c. crucifer</i>		Did you find scat in your yard?	
<b>Short-tailed Weasel</b> <i>Mustela erminea</i>		<b>Pickereel Frog</b> <i>Lithobates palustris</i>		Do you hear spring peepers or other frog calls at night?	
<b>Long-tailed Weasel</b> <i>Mustela frenata</i>		<b>Common Garter Snake</b> <i>Thamnophis sirtalis</i>		Do you hear owls at night?	
<b>American Mink</b> <i>Mustela frenata</i>		<b>Ribbon Snake</b> <i>Thamnophis sauritus</i>		Did you observe any burrows or animal-made holes?	
<b>Raccoon</b> <i>Procyon lotor</i>		<b>Milk Snake</b> <i>Lampropeltis triangulum triangulum</i>		Do you have any natural food sources on your property?	
<b>Woodchuck</b> <i>Marmota monax</i>		<b>Wild Turkey</b> <i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>		Do you have any bird feeders up?	
<b>River otter</b> <i>Lontra canadensis</i>		birds (waterfowl)		Did you utilize a game camera for this survey?	
<b>North American Porcupine</b> <i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>		birds (nesting)		Do you have any cultivated bee hives?	
<b>Striped Skunk</b> <i>Mephitis mephitis</i>		birds (songbird)		Do you observe pollinators in your garden?	
<b>Coyote</b> <i>Canis latrans</i>		birds (cavity dwellers)			
<b>American Black Bear</b> <i>Ursus americanus</i>		birds of prey			

Whether you own a house or rent an apartment, have a large backyard garden, or a planter under a window, you can make a big difference towards helping the wildlife around you survive and thrive. Simple actions benefit wildlife and help conservation efforts. Conserving wildlife corridors in both urban and rural areas is essential for providing habitat for many species. Wildlife corridors and greenways support wildlife and provide crucial linkages between Durham's numerous conservation spaces. Each of our yards is a unique habitat for wildlife.

**\*Please submit your data by June 4th and please share any photos you take during the watch!**