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## Pouched Mammals

### *Didelphidae*

- Virginia Opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*)

## Shrews and Moles

### *Soricidae*

- Southeastern Shrew (*Sorex longirostris*)  
 Northern Short-tailed Shrew<sup>1,4</sup>  
 (*Blarina brevicauda*)  
 Southern Short-tailed Shrew  
 (*Blarina carolinensis*)  
 North American Least Shrew  
 (*Cryptotis parva*)

### *Talpidae*

- Eastern Mole (*Scalopus aquaticus*)  
 Star-nosed Mole<sup>1</sup> (*Condylura cristata*)

## Bats

### *Vespertilionidae*

- Little Brown Bat (*Myotis lucifugus*)  
 Silver-haired Bat  
 (*Lasionycteris noctivagans*)  
 Eastern Pipistrelle, Tricolored Bat  
 (*Perimyotis subflavus*)  
 Big Brown Bat (*Eptesicus fuscus*)  
 Eastern Red Bat (*Lasiurus borealis*)  
 Seminole Bat<sup>1,3</sup> (*Lasiurus seminolis*)  
 Hoary Bat<sup>3</sup> (*Lasiurus cinereus*)  
 Northern Yellow Bat<sup>1,3</sup>  
 (*Lasiurus intermedius*)  
 Evening Bat (*Nycticeius humeralis*)

### *Molossidae*

- Mexican Free-tailed Bat  
 (*Tadarida brasiliensis*)

## Rabbits

### *Leporidae*

- Eastern Cottontail (*Sylvilagus floridanus*)

## Gnawing Mammals

### *Sciuridae*

- Eastern Chipmunk (*Tamias striatus*)  
 Woodchuck (*Marmota monax*)  
 Eastern Gray Squirrel  
 (*Sciurus carolinensis*)  
 Eastern Fox Squirrel  
 (*Sciurus niger*)—Extremely Rare  
 Southern Flying Squirrel  
 (*Glaucomys volans*)

### *Castoridae*

- American Beaver (*Castor canadensis*)

### *Cricetidae*

- Eastern Harvest Mouse<sup>4</sup>  
 (*Reithrodontomys humulis*)  
 Oldfield Deermouse  
 (*Peromyscus polionotus*)  
 White-footed Deermouse  
 (*Peromyscus leucopus*)  
 Cotton Deermouse<sup>1</sup>  
 (*Peromyscus gossypinus*)  
 Golden Mouse (*Ochrotomys nuttalli*)  
 Hispid Cotton Rat (*Sigmodon hispidus*)  
 Meadow Vole (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*)  
 Woodland Vole (*Microtus pinetorum*)  
 Common Muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*)

### *Muridae*

- Roof Rat<sup>2</sup> (*Rattus rattus*)  
 Brown (Norway) Rat<sup>2</sup> (*Rattus norvegicus*)

- House Mouse<sup>2</sup> (*Mus musculus*)  
*Dipodidae*

- Meadow Jumping Mouse<sup>4</sup>  
 (*Zapus hudsonius*)

## Carnivores

### *Canidae*

- Coyote<sup>2</sup> (*Canis latrans*)  
 Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)  
 Gray Fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*)

### *Ursidae*

- American Black Bear<sup>3</sup>  
 (*Ursus americanus*)

### *Procyonidae*

- Common Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*)

### *Mustelidae*

- North American River Otter  
 (*Lontra canadensis*)  
 Long-tailed Weasel (*Mustela frenata*)  
 American Mink (*Neovison vison*)

### *Mephitidae*

- Striped Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*)

### *Felidae*

- Bobcat (*Lynx rufus*)—Very Rare

## Hoofed Mammals

### *Suidae*

- Wild Boar<sup>2</sup> (*Sus scrofa*)

### *Bovidae*

- American Bison<sup>4,5</sup> (*Bison bison*)

### *Cervidae*

- White-tailed Deer  
 (*Odocoileus virginianus*)

<sup>1</sup>Species are known only from a historic record.

<sup>2</sup>Exotic species. Not native to Mecklenburg County.

<sup>3</sup>Transient species. Not breeding in Mecklenburg County.

<sup>4</sup>These species are referenced in "A distributional survey of North Carolina mammals" by Lee et. al., 1983.

<sup>5</sup>The American Bison (as well as the Gray Wolf, Elk, and possibly Cougar) is believed to be extirpated from the region. However, paleontological evidence is lacking.

*Taxonomic nomenclature follows: Don E. Wilson and DeeAnn M. Reeder (editors). 2005. Mammal Species of the World. A Taxonomic and Geographic Reference (3rd ed.), Johns Hopkins University Press, 2,142 pp. Available: <http://www.bucknell.edu/msw3>. NatureServe. 2018. NatureServe Explorer: An online encyclopedia of life [web application]. Version 7.1. NatureServe, Arlington, Virginia. Or Mammals of North Carolina: Their Distribution and Abundance.*

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