

# Checklist to the Mammals of Presqu'ile Provincial Park

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## Abundance Notes:

- 1) These codes refer to species in their proper habitat and during their peak season in an average year.
- 2) Because of the secretive nature of mammals, many otherwise common species are difficult to locate. As a result, these abundance codes reflect the chances of encountering a species, as opposed to how common it may actually be.

A=Abundant: Easy to find and in large numbers (e.g. Northern Raccoon in summer).

C=Common: Fairly easy to find, but not in large numbers (e.g. Gray Squirrel).

U=Uncommon: May require a concentrated effort to find (e.g. White-tailed Deer in spring, summer and fall).

R=Rare: Usually seen each year, but in low numbers (e.g. River Otter).

V=Vagrant: Many years may pass between sightings, but likely to be located again (e.g. Black Bear in spring).

N=Not known: More study is needed to determine the abundance of these species. (e.g. Norway Rat)

## Marsupials

- Virginia Opossum- N

## Shrews

- Masked Shrew- N
- Smoky Shrew- N
- Short-tailed Shrew- U

## Moles

- Hairy-tailed Mole- V
- Star-nosed Mole- U

## Plain-nosed Bats

- Little Brown Bat- N
- Eastern Red Bat- N
- Hoary Bat- N
- Silver-haired Bat- N
- Big Brown Bat- C

## Rabbits and Hares

- Eastern Cottontail- U
- Snowshoe Hare- R
- European Hare- N

## Squirrels

- Eastern Chipmunk- C
- Woodchuck- R
- Gray Squirrel- C
- Red Squirrel- C
- Northern Flying Squirrel- N

## Beavers

- Beaver- U

## Rats, Mice, Lemmings and

### Voles

- Deer Mouse- R
- White-footed Mouse- R
- Meadow Vole- U
- Muskrat- C
- Norway Rat- N
- House Mouse- U

## Jumping Mice and Allies

- Meadow Jumping Mouse- R

## New World Porcupines

- Porcupine\*- V

## Dogs, Foxes and Wolves

- Coyote- U
- Red Fox- U

## Bears

- Black Bear- V

## Raccoons and Allies

- Northern Raccoon- A

## Weasels and Allies

- Fisher- U
- Ermine- U
- Long-tailed Weasel- U
- Mink- U
- Striped Skunk- C
- River Otter- R

## Deer

- White-tailed Deer- U

## Additional Species:

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Species Total: 39

## Addendum:

\*=Porcupine used to occur in Presqu'ile, but records indicate that they no longer do.

Note: The submission of sightings is appreciated and encouraged by park staff. Particularly, if you encounter an unlisted or rare species, please document the sighting and submit your record to the Nature Centre or Main Office. Digital pictures can be very helpful, but may not be diagnostic.