

Biology: Mammal Identification

ANSWER KEY

Exercise: 1

Instructions: Idaho is home to many amphibians. You can use the key to identify the species listed below. Use the key to compare your species with the choices given and choose the option that best matches the characteristics of your species. It is important that you pay close attention to detail. If you are careful, this should lead you to page where you can name it and tell how it lives.

1. Common Name- American Badger

Scientific Name- Taxidea taxus

Additional Info- answer varies



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2. Common Name- Columbian Ground Squirrel

Scientific Name- Spermophilus columbianus

Additional Info- answer varies



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3. Common Name- Woodland Caribou

Scientific Name- Rangifer tarandus

Additional Info- answer varies



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4 Common Name- Merriam's Shrew

Scientific Name- Sorex merriami

Additional Info- answer varies



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5. Common Name- Mountain Lion

Scientific Name- Felis concolor

Additional Info- answer varies



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6. Common Name- Grizzly or Brown Bear

Scientific Name- Ursus arctos

Additional Info- answer varies



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7. Common Name- Kit Fox

Scientific Name- Vulpes macrotis

Additional Info- answer varies



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8. Common Name- Mountain Cottontail

Scientific Name- Sylvilagus nuttallii

Additional Info- answer varies



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