

WILD IOWA

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TAKE ACTION.

Discover the natural world with
these fun at-home activities!



IOWA WILDLIFE

Blank Park Zoo is home to a number of native Iowa wildlife. Many have been rescued from the wild and were unable to be re-released due to an injury. They now call the Zoo home and are ambassadors for their wild counterparts. The Zoo also provides habitat space for pollinators, monarchs and North American songbirds.



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Alongside our conservation partners, the Zoo is working towards raising awareness to the importance of native wildlife and restoring their habitat. Without healthy habitats, we cannot have healthy and thriving animal populations.

You can join us by:

- Planting a pollinator garden and registering it with Plant.Grow.Fly.
- Reducing your plastic usage. Take a reusable grocery bag to the store with you or bring your own straw the next time you go out to eat!
- Cleaning up your neighborhood by doing a trash pick-up with your family and friends!
- Recycling old and broken handheld electronics at the Zoo through our ECO-Cell program.



Camera Traps

Trail cameras are one of the cheapest and easiest tools that a wildlife biologist can use to learn about the animals that live in a given area. These trail cameras are set up in a location and have motion sensing technology. When something around the camera moves, it takes a photo. Below are some photos of trail cameras from around the world.

Can you identify the animals in the photos? Circle the animal you think is correct.



A

Cougar Coyote Deer



B

Fox Raccoon Deer



C

Rabbit Squirrel Opossum



D

Cougar Bear Badger

Our partners at Polk County Conservation are a part of the Urban Wildlife Identification Network. They have camera traps set up around Polk County and utilized volunteers to classify the images caught on camera. The data from these photos is submitted to the UWIN project and provides tools for scientists, city planners, and wildlife managers to understand, conserve, and manage wildlife on our rapidly urbanizing planet.

Photo sources:

A - https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:SK_-_Coyote_at_the_camera_trap_%285447687579%29.jpg

B - <https://pixahive.com/photo/deer-in-forest/>

C - <https://www.wallpaperflare.com/hostile-nature-danger-black-and-white-animal-everwildme-wallpaper-ekpwz>

D - <https://nara.getarchive.net/media/photograph-of-black-bear-cub-at-anvil-lake-recreation-area-bddb0e>

D - Bear
C - Rabbit
B - Deer
A - Coyote
Answers

HABITAT MATCH

Iowa is home to a wide diversity of plants and animals. Can you match the animals below with their Iowa habitat?



Woodland



Prairie



Wetland



Redwing blackbird



Bobcat



Softshell turtle



Tiger salamander

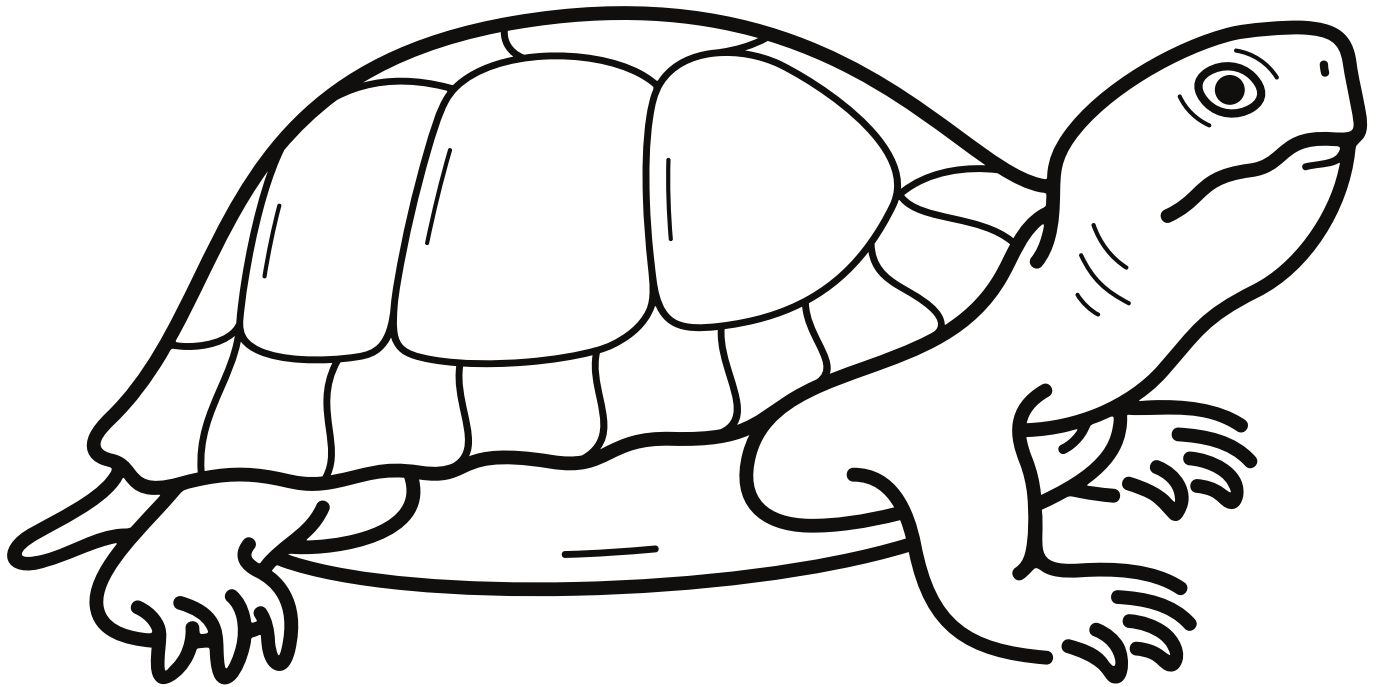
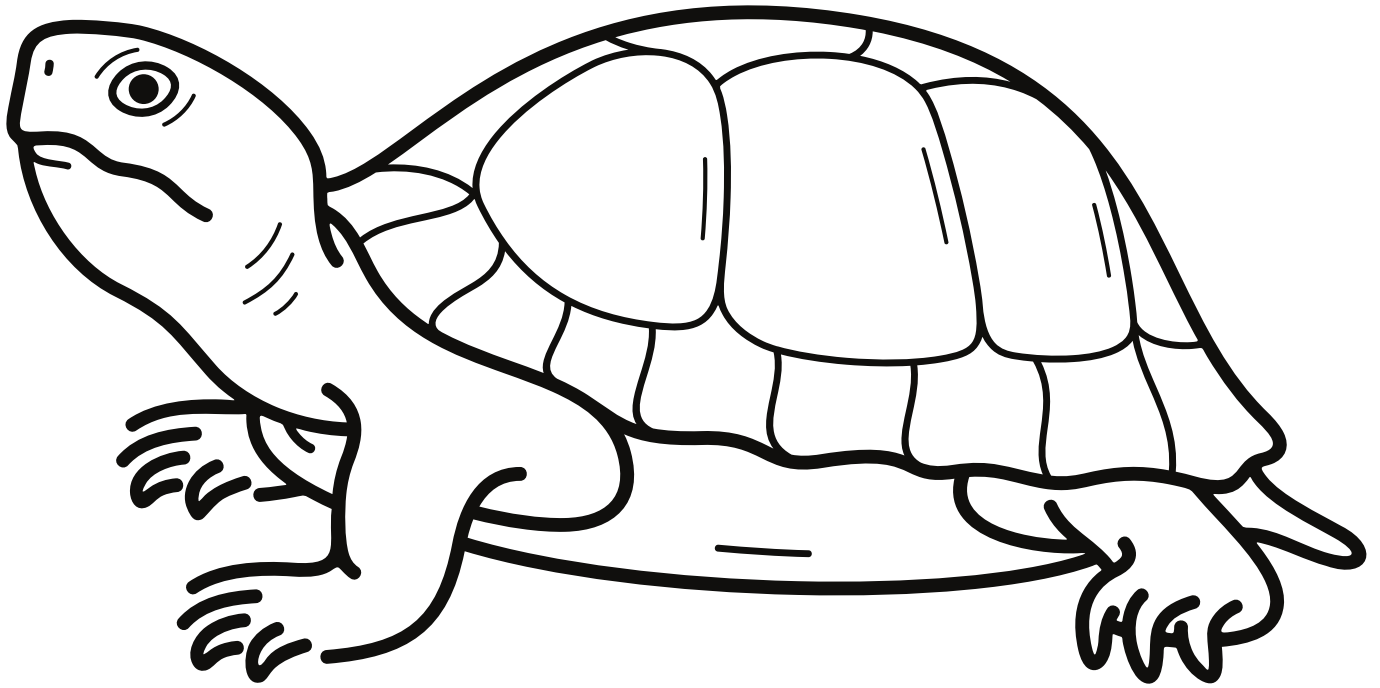


Badger



Gray catbird

ANSWER KEY: Woodland - Gray catbird & Bobcat, Prairie - Badger & Redwing blackbird, Wetland - Softshell turtle & Tiger salamander





BLANK PARK

