



# Mammals of *Little River National Wildlife Refuge*

The 13,660 acres that comprise Little River National Wildlife Refuge includes important habitat types which support a great diversity of mammalian species. Although much of the Refuge is low, swampy, forested bottomland hardwood habitat, such habitat is extremely productive biologically, and there are isolated upland areas that enhance the biodiversity of the Refuge.

More secretive species included on this list such as some of the bats have not been definitely documented as occurring on the Refuge, but it is within their range and there is suitable habitat to support these species.

This list is intended to inform Refuge visitors regarding species that occur or probably occur on the Refuge. Information concerning additional sightings should be reported to the Refuge Manager.

## Order Didelphimorphia Marsupials

**Order Didelphimorphia (Opossums)**  
*Family Didelphidae*  
Virginia opossum  
*Didelphis virginiana*

**Order Xenarthra  
(Armadillos, sloths, and allies)**  
*Family Dasypodidae*  
Nine-banded armadillo  
*Dasypus novemcinctus*

**Order Insectivora (Shrews and moles)**  
*Family Soricidae*  
Short-tailed shrew  
*Blarina carolinensis*  
Least shrew  
*Cryptotis parva*

*Family Talpidae*  
Eastern Mole  
*Scalopus aquaticus*

## Order Chiroptera (Bats)

*Family Vespertilionidae*  
Big brown bat  
*Eptesicus fuscus*  
Big-eared bat  
*Plecotus rafinesquii*  
Evening bat  
*Nycticeius humeralis*  
Indiana Myotis Bat  
*Myotis sodalist*  
Keen's Myotis Bat  
*Myotis keenii*  
Little Brown Myotis Bat  
*Myotis lucifugus*  
Silver-haired bats  
*Lasionycteris noctivagans*  
Red Bat  
*Lasiurus borealis*  
Seminole bat  
*Lasiurus seminolus*  
Southeastern myotis  
*Myotis austroriparius*

## Order Carnivora (Carnivores)

*Family Canidae*  
Coyote  
*Canis latrans*  
Gray Fox  
*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*  
Red fox  
*Vulpes vulpes*

*Family Procyonidae*  
Common raccoon  
*Procyon lotor*

*Family Mustelidae*  
Long-tailed Weasel  
*Mustela frenata*  
Mink

*Mustela vison*  
Striped skunk  
*Mephitis mephitis*  
River otter  
*Lutra canadensis*

*Family Felidae*  
Bobcat  
*Lynx rufus*

**Order Artiodactyla  
(Even-toed ungulates)**  
*Family Suidae*  
Feral pig  
*Sus scrofa*

*Family Cervidae*  
White-tailed deer  
*Odocoileus virginianus*

## Order Rodentia (Rodents)

*Family Sciuridae*  
Eastern gray squirrel  
*Sciurus carolinensis*  
Eastern fox squirrel  
*Sciurus niger*  
Southern flying squirrel  
*Glaucomys volans*

*Family Geomyidae*  
Plains Pocket Gopher  
*Geomys bursarius*

*Family Castoridae*  
American beaver  
*Castor canadensis*

*Family Muridae*  
Eastern woodrat  
*Neotoma floridana*  
Cotton mouse  
*Peromyscus gossypinus*  
Eastern harvest mouse  
*Reithrodontomys humalis*  
Fulvous harvest mouse  
*Reithrodontomys fulvescens*  
Golden mouse  
*Ochrotomys nuttali*  
House Mouse  
*Mus musculus*  
Black Rat  
*Rattus rattus*  
Hispid cotton rat  
*Sigmodon hispidus*  
Marsh rice rat  
*Oryzomys palustris*  
Norway Rat  
*Rattus norvegicus*  
Woodland Vole  
*Microtus pinetorum*

*Family Myocastoridae*  
Nutria  
*Myocastor coypus*

## Order Lagomorpha (Rabbits and hares)

*Family Leporidae*  
Swamp rabbit  
*Sylvilagus aquaticus*  
Eastern cottontail  
*Sylvilagus floridanus*