



## FOREST ANIMAL DIETS

**Bald Eagle:** small sea birds, reptiles like snakes, squirrels, trout, salmon, rabbits, raccoons, muskrats, beavers, deer, ducks, crabs, weasels, carrion

**Cougar/Mountain Lion:** porcupines, deer, beavers, elk, fish, rodents, goats, hedgehog, carrion

**Owl:** squirrels (their most common prey), wood rats, mice, voles, rabbits, bats, small birds, snakes, lizards, skunks, shrews, weasels

**Bear:** fruits, berries, nuts, ants, wasps, crayfish, frogs, birds' eggs, mice and small rodents, squirrels, woodchucks, rabbits, acorns, hickory nuts, beechnuts, hazelnuts, pine nuts, leaves, grass, deer scat, fish like salmon, young deer and sheep, insects, worms

**Beaver:** Tree barks, twigs, leaves, water plants

**Minnow:** any kind of river plants

**Frogs:** insects, worms, snails, newts. Some species eat small fish. Larger frog species eat small reptiles and mammals, like mice and lizards.

**Newts:** insects, worms and slugs, shrimp, water lice, insect larvae, water snails, frog tadpoles, algae

**Trout:** Aquatic insects and their larvae (nymphs), smaller fish like minnows, trout, eels, crayfish, shrimp, tadpoles, frogs, worms, fish eggs, snails, mice and baby birds that fall into the water

**Salmon:** other aquatic animals, like tadpoles, squid, other fish

**Cardinals:** insects, seeds, tree sap

**Copperhead Snake:** small mammals like mice, voles, squirrels, large insects, frogs, and other snakes, mice, small birds, frogs

**Quail:** a variety of grains, leaves, small insects, grass, legumes, insects, acorns

**Burying Beetle:** only carrion of: insects, mice, voles, opossums, birds, snakes

**Lizards:** insects, plants – anything smaller than it is

**Raccoon:** muskrat, frogs, fish, amphibians, insects, eggs, mice, vole, berries, nuts

**Fox:** muskrat, mollusks, insects, crayfish and earthworms, rabbits, voles, mice, eggs, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, deer fawns, shrews

**Muskrat:** water plants and small shellfish, cattails, sedges, rushes, water lilies, pondweeds, wild rice, pickerelweed, clover, willow, acorns, mussels, crayfish, frogs, snails, fish

**Hedgehog:** insects of many kinds like beetles, caterpillars, earthworms, snails, frogs, snakes, bird eggs, mushrooms, grass, berries

**Nightingale:** insects and larvae and fruit

**Coyote:** porcupines, squirrels, voles, prairie dogs, eastern cottontails, ground squirrels and mice, small birds, snakes, lizards, deer, cattle, small insects.

**Bobcats:** porcupines, rabbits, squirrels, birds, fish, insects, foxes, skunks