

# WILDERNESS WILDLIFE

## AT HOME IN THE MOUNTAINS

From river to rugged mountaintop, this high-country environment is a haven for wildlife. Though each species has specific food and shelter requirements, many depend on the surrounding wilderness to thrive in their Rocky Mountain homes.

### Boreal Owl



*All birds: Perched on a branch, a boreal owl waits for prey. The owl's face is white, and its body is dark. It has large, yellow eyes and a sharp beak. It is a nocturnal bird and is often found in dense forests.*

### Pine Marten



*All birds: A pine marten is a small, dark-colored mammal. It is often found in dense forests and is known for its ability to climb trees. It has a long tail and is a skilled hunter.*

### White-Tailed Ptarmigan



*All birds: A white-tailed ptarmigan is a bird that lives in the mountains. It has white feathers in the winter and brown feathers in the summer. It is a ground-dwelling bird and is often found in rocky areas.*

### Wolverine



*All birds: A wolverine is a small, dark-colored mammal. It is often found in rocky, mountainous areas and is known for its strength and ability to dig. It has a long tail and is a skilled hunter.*

### Wood Frog



*All birds: A wood frog is a small, dark-colored amphibian. It is often found in forest streams and is known for its ability to breathe through its skin. It has a long tail and is a skilled swimmer.*

### Boreal Toad



*All birds: A boreal toad is a small, dark-colored amphibian. It is often found in rocky, mountainous areas and is known for its ability to breathe through its skin. It has a long tail and is a skilled swimmer.*

### Moose



*All birds: A moose is a large, dark-colored mammal. It is often found in forest streams and is known for its large antlers. It has a long tail and is a skilled swimmer.*

### Osprey



*All birds: An osprey is a large, dark-colored bird of prey. It is often found in forest streams and is known for its ability to catch fish. It has a long tail and is a skilled swimmer.*

### Bighorn Sheep



*All birds: A bighorn sheep is a large, dark-colored mammal. It is often found in rocky, mountainous areas and is known for its large, curved horns. It has a long tail and is a skilled climber.*

### Lynx



*All birds: A lynx is a small, dark-colored mammal. It is often found in rocky, mountainous areas and is known for its large, tufted ears. It has a long tail and is a skilled hunter.*

### Blue Grouse



*All birds: A blue grouse is a small, dark-colored bird. It is often found in forest streams and is known for its ability to camouflage. It has a long tail and is a skilled swimmer.*