

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



At home: Boreal owls are found in dense evergreen forests. They are nocturnal and hunt for small mammals and birds at night. Their large eyes and facial disc help them see in the dark.

White-Tailed Ptarmigan



At home: White-tailed ptarmigan live in high-altitude, open areas. They are ground-dwelling birds that feed on seeds and insects. Their white plumage provides excellent camouflage in snowy environments.

Boreal Toad



At home: Boreal toads are found in high-altitude, open areas. They are ground-dwelling amphibians that feed on insects and small mammals. Their dark, warty skin provides excellent camouflage in rocky, high-altitude environments.

Bighorn Sheep



At home: Bighorn sheep live in high-altitude, open areas. They are large mammals that feed on grasses and shrubs. Their thick, curved horns are a defining characteristic of the species.

Wolverine



At home: Wolverines are found in high-altitude, open areas. They are large mammals that feed on small mammals and birds. Their powerful build and sharp claws make them formidable predators.

Moose



At home: Moose are found in high-altitude, open areas. They are large mammals that feed on grasses and shrubs. Their large, velvet-covered antlers are a defining characteristic of the species.

Lynx



At home: Lynxes are found in high-altitude, open areas. They are large mammals that feed on small mammals and birds. Their spotted coat provides excellent camouflage in rocky, high-altitude environments.

Pine Marten



At home: Pine martens are found in high-altitude, open areas. They are small mammals that feed on small mammals and birds. Their reddish-brown fur provides excellent camouflage in rocky, high-altitude environments.

Wood Frog



At home: Wood frogs are found in high-altitude, open areas. They are small amphibians that feed on insects and small mammals. Their dark, mottled skin provides excellent camouflage in rocky, high-altitude environments.

Osprey



At home: Ospreys are found in high-altitude, open areas. They are large birds of prey that feed on small mammals and birds. Their dark feathers and sharp talons make them formidable predators.

Blue Grouse



At home: Blue grouse are found in high-altitude, open areas. They are small mammals that feed on small mammals and birds. Their blue and white plumage provides excellent camouflage in rocky, high-altitude environments.