

Native Michigan Plants and Animals

Take an adventure outside and see if you can identify these flora and fauna that are naturally found in our state.



Pileated Woodpecker

- The Largest woodpecker in North America.
- When pecking trees to find food it makes a square hole in the tree trunk.
- Has a very distinct Mohawk atop it's head.



Porcupine

- Very good tree climbers.
- Quills are made of keratin, the same substance as your finger-nails!
- They cannot shoot quills but a light touch can cause them to skewer whatever has touched them.



Muskrats

- Very polite, they dry off their feet before eating.
- Have webbed feet which makes them good swimmers.
- Build lodges with a feeding platform, they only eat outside their home.



Wood Frog

- Freeze themselves in the winter and thaw out in the spring.
- Looks like a bandit with a mask on.
- Only frog found north of the Arctic Circle.



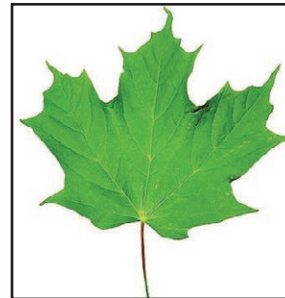
Pitcher Plant

- Carnivorous plant that eats ants and mosquitos.
- Grows primarily in bogs.
- A cluster of them will grow from one root.



White Pine Tree

- Has 5 needle clusters on its branches.
- State tree of Michigan.
- Differ from Red Pines which have 3 needle clusters.



Maple Tree

- Sugar maple makes maple syrup.
- It takes 86 gallons of sugar maple water to make one gallon of maple syrup.
- Has "helicopter" seeds that are called double samaras.



Cattails

- Some have nicknamed it "corn dog grass"
- Can grow up to 10 feet tall.
- Pollinated by the wind carrying its seeds away.