



Nature Name Discovery Journal

Pick an animal that lives in northern Michigan to be your Nature Name, then do some research on your nature name creature! Use books, field guides, or the Internet to answer the questions below. For Internet sources, we especially like the National Wildlife Federation's Wildlife Guide website, which can be accessed at nwf.org/educational-resources/wildlife-guide

1. What does your creature look like? Describe its size, its coloring, and any special markings or features. Draw a picture if you want!



2. What sort of sounds does your creature make, if any?

3. What type of habitats does your creature live in (i.e., does it like pine forests, river banks, open meadows, or another type of place?)

4. What does your creature eat? Does its diet change with the seasons?



5. How often does your creature have young? How many young does it have at one time? When during the year does it have its young? How long does it care for its young?

6. How does your creature move?

7. Does your creature have any special adaptations to survive winter? Does it hibernate or migrate? Something else?



8. What are the main dangers or threats to your creature? Does it have predators, get diseases, or come into contact with humans in ways that might hurt it? Is your creature endangered or threatened? If so, why?