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COOL WILDLIFE

Here in Franklin Township, there is a lot of cool wildlife. At my house, I have seen deer, bats, foxes, raccoons, and many kinds of birds. Sometimes as I drive around Franklin Township, I even see hawks and eagles.

At night, there are sounds of wildlife all around. The Eastern Screech Owl makes a noise like a horse and when a fox calls, it makes a loud creepy crying baby noise. One time, late at night, a fox and a raccoon were fighting on our driveway and it was very loud. Last spring, we saw a baby deer laying in the grass under our tree fort. It had little white dots and was sleeping and waiting for its mother. During a rainstorm, I saw a mother fox moving her babies from under our shed to the neighbor's yard. It must have been flooding under the shed, so she wanted to move them to a safer spot. In the summer, we always get frogs in our pool. We catch them in a net and take them out into the yard. I like frogs because they jump a lot. When they are swimming in our pool, they stretch out so long and swim quickly through the water.

I love nature and I love living in a place with wildlife. My middle name is Silas. Silas means "man of the woods" and I really like being in the trees and seeing all of the wildlife there. Animals look so cute and nature makes me feel so good and happy. I am glad to live in Franklin Township where there is such cool wildlife.