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## THE WILDLIFE OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Franklin Township is a rural area with many different types of wildlife. Wildlife depends on healthy habitats. They need the right temperatures, fresh water, food sources and places to raise their young.

When I wake up in the morning, I can hear the birds singing. Sometimes I look out the window and I see blue jays and red cardinals. I also see squirrels climbing trees.

One time, we even had a snapping turtle outside our garage laying eggs. In the spring, we had baby foxes near our house that hung out at the woodpile. I've even seen a large fox walking in our backyard.

There are a lot of deer. When I go to my grandma and grandpa's house, I always see deer running through their woods and yard. One time, my mom was in our barn and happened to look up from what she was doing and a baby raccoon was right next to her. We even have bears because I have seen them on our trail camera.

One night, I was on my four-wheeler and saw a skunk. The skunk was all white. I have even seen a possum crossing the road at night. There was even a possum at my grandma's house that always ate the cat food.

During the day at my house, I can hear woodpeckers pecking at the trees outside my bedroom window. At night, when I'm laying on my bed, I can hear two owls outside hooting away in the night.

Franklin Township even had a resident wild turkey named Sid that would hang out on Sidney Road. Sid would stand or sometimes even sleep in the middle of the road.

Franklin Township is full of wildlife. There are many types of wildlife that live and roam in our community. I enjoy living in Franklin Township because you never know what wildlife you might encounter day or night.