

## Mammals found in Maricopa County, AZ

Maricopa County is located within the Sonoran Desert, an arid region covering 120,000 square miles in southwestern Arizona, southeastern and most of Baja California, as well as the western half of the state of Sonora, Mexico.

### Bat Family

Arizona  
Big Brown  
Big Free-tailed  
California  
California Leaf Nosed  
Cave  
Fringed  
Hoary  
Little Brown  
Long-eared  
Mexican Free-tailed  
Pallid  
Pocketed Free-tailed  
Spotted  
Townsend's Big-eared  
Western Mastiff  
Western Pipistrelle  
Yuma

### Bear

Black

### Bighorn Sheep

### Burro, Exotic

### Cat Family

Bobcat  
Feral  
Mountain Lion (Puma)

### Deer

Mule  
White-tailed

### Dog Family

Coyote  
Feral  
Gray Fox  
Kit Fox

### Javelina (Collared Peccary)

### Gopher

Botta's Pocket

### Kangaroo Rats

Arizona Pocket  
Bailey Pocket  
Desert Pocket  
Merriam's Kangaroo  
Ord's Kangaroo  
Rock Pocket

### Mice and Rats

Cactus  
Deer  
House(non-native)  
Southern Grasshopper  
Western Harvest  
White-throated Wood

### Other Rodents

Beaver  
Muskrat

### Rabbits and Hares

Black-tailed Jackrabbit  
Desert Cottontail

### Raccoon Family

Coati  
Ringtail  
Racoons

### Squirrels

Harris' Antelope  
Rock  
Round-tailed Ground

### Weasel Family

Badger  
Hognose Skunk  
Hooded Skunk  
Otters  
Striped Skunk  
Spotted Skunk

# Mammals



*Desert Cottontail Rabbit*

*Photo courtesy of Wildlife Forever*

### *Wildlife of Maricopa County Parks*

*Notes:*





Badger *Taxidea taxus* 20½ – 34¼” long. This animal has a wide, flat body with short, bowed legs. Its shaggy coat varies from grizzled gray to brown with a white stripe down its back and black cheeks.



Bat, Pallid *Antrozous pallidus* Pallid bats have a beige back, almost white underside and large pale ears.



Bat, Western Pipistrelle *Pipistrellus hesperus* The smallest of the bats, its wings are black with a black mask on its face. The back will be gray-reddish brown and its underside is white.



Bobcat *Felis rufus* Most bobcats weigh between 15-20 lbs, and are about 2’ tall and 3-4’ long. Their fur is gray-brown, with faint spots and tails are short.



Coyote *Canis latrans* Similar in size to a medium sized dog, weigh 15-40 lbs., are about 48” long, and have a 16” tail. Their coloration is gray to red-brown.



Deer, Mule *Odocoileus hemionus* They are grayish-brown with large ears. The upperside of their tail is white with a distinct black tip and a white rump patch. Antlers on males will have forked tines off main beam. The mule deer is generally 4-6½’ in long, 3 -3½’ high, weighing between 70-140 lbs.



Fox, Kit *Vulpes velox* This animal is about the size of a small house cat weighing only 4-6 pounds. Their coloration overall is a yellowish gray with a lighter underside and a black tip on the tail



Fox, Gray *Urocyon cinereoargenteus* Their overall appearance is grizzled gray, with reddish sides and chest, and white on the belly and throat. The body will vary in length from 21"-30" with a bushy tail.



Javelina *Dicotyles tajacu* Although they are pig-like in appearance, they are not in the same animal family. They stand about 2’ high and 40-60" long. Overall the hair is a grizzled-gray color with an indistinct white collar at the neck.



Lion, Mountain *Felis concolor* Their sandy brown bodies are around 40-70" in length and have a 29-35" slender, dark tipped tail. They weigh 75-45 lbs.

Mouse, Deer *Peromyscus maniculatus* Their coloration is grayish to reddish on their back with a white underside.



Mouse, Rock Pocket *Perognathus intermedius* The body measures about 1” long and are generally gray with tawny sprinkles.



Jackrabbit, Black-tailed *Lepus californicus* These rabbits are primarily gray with a black stripe down their back, a black rump patch, and a black tail. Their head and body is 17-21".



Rabbit, Desert Cottontail *Sylvilagus auduboni* The desert cottontail is light colored, tan to gray, with a yellowish tinge. Its head and body measure 12-15” and 3-4” ears. The underside is whitish with a white tail.



Rat, Kangaroo *Dipodomys deserti* The head and body length will range from 4-5”. It has large hind legs and feet with yellow buff color hair above and white below; the tail has a white-tipped tuft at the end.



Rat, White-throated Wood *Neotoma albigula* Grayish-brown in color, with white feet and throat. The head and body length range from 7-8”.



Ringtail *Bassariscus astutus* This animal is approximately the size of a large squirrel or small cat. The body is around 30". They are a yellowish-gray color with a distinctly black and white tail. They have large, black eyes rimmed by white fur.



Squirrel, Antelope *Ammospermophilus harrisi* Their coloration is overall tan to gray above, white below with a head and body length 8½-10”. They have a white stripe on both sides of their body but not through their face. Tail is 3-4", mixed black and white on top and white below.



Squirrel, Rock *Spermophilus variegatus* This is the largest ground squirrel in the southwest with a head and body length of 17-21" and tail length of 7-10". They are grayish-brown.



Skunk, Striped *Mephitis mephitis* They are frequently black with two white stripes down back that converge on the head. They range in body length from 20-31" .

