

A is for Ant



Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer.

Proverbs 30:25

Ants are insects. Ants live in the soil. They live in groups called colonies. Ants eat dead insects, dropped crumbs and plants.



B_{is for} Bear



Like a roaring lion or a charging bear is a wicked ruler over a helpless people.

Proverbs 28:15

Bears are mammals. Bears live in caves and holes they dig. Bears eat fruit, honey, insects and fish. God made bears to hibernate. They can sleep through cold winters.



C is for Camel



You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.

Matthew 23:24

Camels are mammals.
(That rhymes!). Camels
live in groups called herds.
God made some camels
with one hump. God made
others with two humps.
Camels eat plants.



D is for Donkey



Who let the wild donkey go free? Who untied its ropes? I gave it the wasteland as its home, the salt flats as its habitat. It laughs at the commotion in the town; it does not hear a driver's shout. It ranges the hills for its pasture and searches for any green thing.

Job 39:5-8

Donkeys are mammals.
Donkeys eat plants.
Donkeys may live in groups called herds. God made donkeys with big ears.
Donkeys can hear other donkeys from far away



Eis for Eagle



Does the eagle soar at your command and build its nest on high? It dwells on a cliff and stays there at night; a rocky crag is its stronghold. From there it looks for food; its eyes detect it from afar.

Job 39:27-28

Eagles are birds. Eagles live in nests. They eat fish and other animals. God made eagles with wings to fly.



Fis for Frog



The Nile will teem with frogs.
They will come up into your palace and your bedroom and onto your bed.

Exodus 8:2

Frogs are amphibians.
Frogs live in water and on land. Frogs eat insects.
God made them with strong legs to jump.



Gis for Goat



The high mountains belong to the wild goats

Psalms 104:18

Goats are mammals. They eat plants like grass.
Goats live in groups called herds. God made goats with mountain climbing feet. These feet are called hooves.



His for HOrse



Do you give the horse its strength or clothe its neck with a flowing mane?

Job 39:19

Horses are mammals.
Horses eat grass. Horses live in groups called herds.
God gave horses strong legs to run fast.



I is for Ichthyology



But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.

Job 12:7-12

Ichthyology is a big word. Ichthyology is the study of fish. Fish live in the water. They eat plants. Some fish eat other fish. God made fish with fins and tails to swim.



J is for Jackal



The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43:20

Jackals are mammals.
Jackals look like dogs.
Jackals eat other animals.
They also eat plants.



K is for Kine



I am God, your God. ... every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

Psalm 50:7-10

Kine is a name for cows. Cows are mammals. Cows eat grass. Cows live in groups called herds. God gave cows tails to swat flies.



L is for Lizard



A lizard can be caught with the hand, yet it is found in kings' palaces.

Proverbs 30:28

Lizards are reptiles. Lizards eat insects. Lizards live in holes. Lizards lay eggs.



M is for Mule



Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

Psalms 32:9

Mules are mammals. Mules eat grass. Mules live in groups called herds. God gave mules feet called hooves.



N is for Nighthawk



Does the hawk take flight by your wisdom and spread its wings toward the south?

Job 39:26

Nighthawks are birds.
Nighthawks live in groups called flocks. God gave nighthawks wings to fly.
Nighthawks eat insects.



O is for Ostrich



The wings of the ostrich flap joyfully, though they cannot compare with the wings and feathers of the stork. She lays her eggs on the ground and lets them warm in the sand.

Job 39:13-14

Ostriches are birds.
Ostriches are the biggest birds. They are too big to fly. Ostriches run fast.
They eat plants and insects.



P is for Pig



Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs.

Matthew 7:6

Pigs are mammals. Pigs have strong bones. Pigs live in groups called herds. Pigs eat plants and insects.



Q is for Quail



Now a wind went out from the Lord and drove quail in from the sea.

Numbers 11:31

Quail are birds. Quail lay eggs. They eat plants and insects. Quail live in groups called flocks. Baby birds are called chicks.

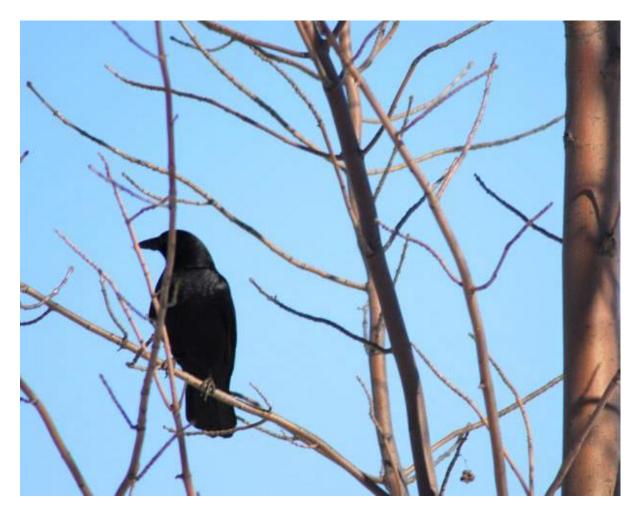


R is for Raven



God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. Psalm 147:9

Ravens are birds. They are black. Ravens eat insects and dead animals. They keep the Earth clean.



S is for Snake



Their venom is like the venom of a snake, like that of a cobra that has stopped its ears

Psalm 58:4

Snakes are reptiles.
Snakes have no legs.
Snakes eat other animals.
God made snakes in many colors.



T is for Turtledove



Even the stork in the sky knows her seasons. The turtledove, swallow, and crane are aware of their migration, but My people do not know the requirements of the Lord.

Jeremiah 8:17

Turtledoves are birds.
They eat plants and insects. Turtle doves live in groups called flocks.
The flocks fly together to migrate. Migrate means to go from one place to another place.



U is for Unknown



The animals take cover; they remain in their dens.

Job 37:8

Can you find the animals? God made many animals with camouflage.
Camouflage means to hide in plain sight. Turn the page to see where the animals are hiding.



U is for Unknown



The animals take cover; they remain in their dens.

Job 37:8

See the wolf. The wolf hides next to the tree. See the owl? The owl hides in the tree. God made owls and wolves with camouflage.



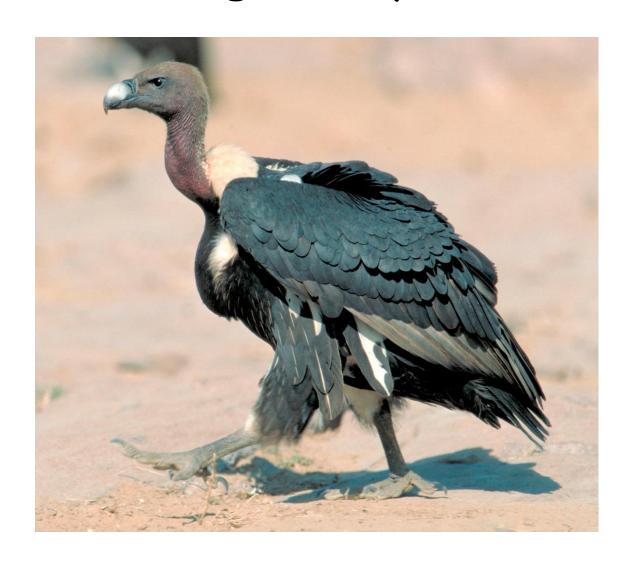
V is for Vulture



Jesus replied, "Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather."

Luke 17:37

Vultures are birds.
Vultures eat dead animals.
Like ravens, vultures keep
the Earth clean. God gave
them wings to fly.



W is for Wolf



The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

Isaiah 11:6

Wolves are mammals. Wolves live in groups called packs. God gave wolves long, fast legs. They eat other animals.



X is for X-ray



All my bones are on display Psalm 22:17

X-rays show bones. All the animals in this book (except ants) have bones. God made animals like mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish with bones inside. The big word for an animal with bones is vertebrate.



Y is for Young



Do you watch when the doe bears her fawn? Their young thrive and grow strong in the wilds; they leave and do not return.

Job 39:1 & 4

Young deer are called fawns. Fawns eat grass and other plants. A fawn can hide by camouflage.



$Z_{is for} Z_{00}$



The righteous care for the needs of their animals.

Proverbs 12:10

People go to the zoo to see animals. Some zoos help hurt animals get better.

Do you remember what these words mean?

Migrate
Hibernate
Camouflage
Vertebrate
Kine
Hooves
Ichthyology?

Migrate - to move from one place to another place

Hibernate - to sleep when it is cold

Camouflage - to hide in plain sight

Vertebrate - an animal with bones

Kine - another word for cows

Hooves - animal feet

Ichthyology - the study of fish

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