Explore Your Own Backyard

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Native Wildlife

Birds
- Mallard Duck
- Scaled Quail
- Mourning Dove

Mammals
- Armadillo
- White-tailed deer
- Ground Squirrel

Reptiles
- Diamondback Rattlesnake
- Texas Horned Lizard
Mallard Duck

Male – Drake
- Green head and neck
- Yellow bill
- White collar
- Rusty brown chest
- Brownish-black back with gray and purple
- Blue tail that curls up

Female
- Brown and tan
- Orange bill

What do they eat?
- Water plants
- Grain
- Bugs
- Mosquito larvae

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/kids/wild_things/birds/mallard.phtml  www.hainaultforest.co.uk
Scaled Quail

Male
- 8 inches
- Bluish-Gray
- Gray-brown head with white tipped crest
- Black scaly markings on back, breast and abdomen

Female
- Similar to male
- Less crest
- Dark brown streaks on face and throat

What do they eat?
- Insects
- Sunflower
- Ragweed
- Bristlegrass

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/habitats/high_plains/upland_game/scaled_quail.phtml

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/wildlife_trails/gallery/?g=4&p=24#maincontent
Mourning Dove

Male/Female
- Slender
- Long pointed tail
- Pale buff-brown on head, neck, breast and belly
- Purple/green iridescence on neck

What do they eat?
- Seeds
- Grasses
- Wheat
- Milo
- Oats

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/habitats/high_plains/upland_game/dove.phtml

www.laspilitas.com
Armadillo

- Covered with bony shells
- Very powerful claws
- Can be a nuisance because they will dig in your yard

What do they eat?
- Insects
- Larvae

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/junior_naturalists/armadillo.phtml
White-tailed Deer

- Tan fur
- White throat, belly and under tail

What do they Eat?
- Twigs
- Leaves
- Grasses
- Fruits
- Nuts

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/kids/wild_things/wildlife/whitetailed_deer.phtml
Ground Squirrel

- Brown fur
- 9 rows of white spots on back
- White belly
- Round ears
- Bushy tail

What do they eat?
- Green vegetation
- Insects
- Meat

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/wildlife_trails/gallery/?g=2&p=16
http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/wildspecies/squirrel/
Diamondback Rattlesnake

- Diamond shaped markings along the middle of the back
- Black and white rings on the tail
- Most common venomous snake in Texas

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/kids/wild_things/wildlife/snakes.phtml

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/junior_naturalists/safesnake.phtml
Texas Horned Lizard

- Texas “horny toad”
- Distinguished by its two long horns
- Horny appearance and color helps it blend in
- Shoots a stream of blood from its eyelid for defense

What do they eat?
- Red ants

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/texas_nature_trackers/horned_lizard/facts/
Questions?

Meeting Reminder
Next Tuesday 5:30
Topic: Hunting Safety
Guest Speaker from Texas Parks and Wildlife
References

Images:
References

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  dove.phtml

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