

Critter Characteristics & Habitats



Caution - Be careful not to harm any wildlife or their habitats.

Name: _____

Explore your habitat lab and look for an animal (wildlife). Complete the questions below to help you describe what type of animal it is and its habitat needs.

Use field identification guides like the National Audubon's *Field Guide to the Southeastern States*, the Alabama Wildlife Federation's *Wonders of Wildlife* webpages, and the *Outdoor Alabama's Watchable Wildlife* webpages to help you answer the questions, if needed.

1. Draw a picture of the animal.



2. What color(s) is it? _____

black blue brown gray green orange purple red yellow white

3. How many legs does it have? _____

zero two four six eight ten one hundred

4. Estimate how long (or tall) it is: _____feet _____inches



5. Put a checkmark next to the feature(s) it has.

☐ Fur

☐ Feathers

☐ Thin
Wings

☐ Hard
Covering

☐ Hard
Shell

☐ Scales

☐ Smooth
Skin

☐ Bristles


6. What type of animal did you find?

☐ bird

☐ rep

☐ amphi
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☐ mam

☐ in

☐ other invertebrate


7. What type of "babies" does it have?

- ☐ Live baby (not in egg) that looks similar to parent (*typically a mammal*)
- ☐ Hard-shelled eggs with babies that look similar to parent (*typically a bird or reptile*)
- ☐ "Soft" tiny eggs in water with larvae that change (morph) into adult (*amphibian or insect*)
- ☐ "Soft" tiny eggs on plants or in soil with larvae that change (morph) into adult (*insect*)

8. What is the name of this animal?

9. Where does this animal typically live? (you can choose more than one)

- ☐ grassland
- ☐ tundra
- ☐ desert
- ☐ woodlan
d
- ☐ meadow
- ☐ wetland
- ☐ creek
- ☐ pond/lak
e
- ☐ river
- ☐ ocean
- ☐ other: _____

10. Where did you find it in the habitat lab?

- ☐ in the
grass
- ☐ on the
ground
- ☐ in the
soil
- ☐ in a tree
or bush
- ☐ in water
or a pond
- ☐ on a
flower

11. Describe its habitat needs including the specific food, water, shelter and places to raise its young it needs to survive:



