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New York Wildcards are cards featuring wildlife found all over New York State. New York is home to over 60 mammal species, 250 Birds, 69 Herps (Reptiles and Amphibians), 165 Fish and Thousands of invertebrates! Imagine you've just been hired by New York Wildlife to create the next NY Wildcard. You'll have to choose an animal that lives in New York and do some research on the habitat it lives in, what it eats, it's range in NY, and any special adaptations it has to it's environment. You will also need to find photos, tracks (if it leaves any), Draw and pick a name for your character! You should also color code the area surrounding the title depending on what your wildcard is. (Brown= mammals, Black= Birds, Red= Reptiles, Green= Amphibians, Blue= Fish, Purple=Invertebrates) Extra info/artwork on the back =extra points, but make sure it's neat and not too cluttered!

Examples of current New York Wildcards are provided below, and rough and final draft pages are included in this packet. If you need help thinking of an animal, see the list of animals that do not already have a card below!



Some animals that do not yet have a wildcard:

Mammals: Gray Fox, Long-tailed Weasel, Deer Mouse, Eastern Pipistrelle, Smoky Shrew, Red Squirrel

Birds: Northern Cardinal, Cooper's hawk, Kestrel, Mallard, Black Capped Chickadee, Barn Owl

Reptiles: Copperhead, Spotted turtle, Italian Wall lizard, Eastern Ring-necked Snake, Coal Skink, Loggerhead Sea Turtle

Amphibians: Eastern Spadefoot Toad, Red Salamander, Mudpuppy, Pickerel Frog, Mink Frog, Long-tailed Salamander

Fish: Rainbow Trout, Bowfin, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Atlantic salmon

Invertebrates: Monarch Butterfly, Dwarf wedge mussel, Big River Crayfish, Green Stink Bug, Spotted Garden Slug, Ruby Meadowhawk



**(DRAW CHARACTER IN HABITAT HERE)**

**(NAME)**

**(SPECIES)**

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(PHOTO HERE)



**NAME:** (PICK A NAME)

**JOB:** (THINK OF AN OCCUPATION FOR YOUR CHARACTER THAT IS RELATED TO HIS/HER "NICHE".)

**SPECIES:** (COMMON NAME) (SCIENTIFIC NAME)

**FAVORITE HANGOUT:** (WHAT TYPE OF HABITAT DOES YOUR ORGANISM LIVE IN?)

**TALENTS:** (HOW IS YOUR ORGANISM ADAPTED TO IT'S ENVIRONMENT. DOES IT HAVE ANY UNIQUE OR INTERESTING BEHAVIORS/ADAPTATIONS?)

**FAVORITE FOODS:** (WHAT DOES YOUR ANIMAL LIKE TO EAT? IS IT AN OMNIVORE, CARNIVORE, HERBIVORE, SCAVENGER ETC?)





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