## **Map of State Animals**

Wildlife specialists are people who learn about animals. Some wildlife specialists learn about animals that live in the desert, like coyotes. Other wildlife specialists learn about animals that live in the Arctic, like polar bears!





Every state in the United States has a state animal. A state animal is an animal that lives in that state and represents the state. For example, the state animal for Kansas is the American Bison.

Some maps show the state animals in each state. The state animals can be used on maps as a symbol to show the location of a state. A symbol is a small drawing that stands in for something. Take a look at this map of the United States. There is an American Bison where Kansas is located.



Today, you will be a wildlife specialist and make a map of state animals! In the boxes on the next page, there is information about five different states. The information includes the name of the state, the name and picture of the state animal, and the state's abbreviation. An abbreviation is a shortened version of a word.

Read the information. Then, draw a symbol of the state animal on the correct state on the map. After you draw the state animal on the map, add the symbol and the name of the state animal to the map key. The first state has been done for you.



## Name:



Extra Time? If your state is not listed, look up your state animal and put its symbol on the state map! Then, add the symbol to the key!

