



Our Park Blackstone Park in Providence, RI



Audubon Society
of Rhode Island

We are the Urban Naturalist program. We are 15 middle school kids from Nathan Bishop Middle School in Providence, Rhode Island who are excited about the environment and about saving it.

The Urban Naturalist program is a cool program that helps us save the earth, entertains kids and helps us learn how the environment works in this current time. We go green and it helps us to live stronger, better and healthier lives. This program has taught us not to litter or treat the world like it's a big trash can.

Every Tuesday, we work with April and Claire from the Audubon Society of RI and we go to Blackstone Park in Providence, Rhode Island where we play games, take walks and learn about our urban environment. We see many animals in the park including salamanders, worms, millipedes, beetles and even a hawk. We love to explore the park and learn new things when we go.

The Urban Naturalist Field Guide



Created by the Urban
Naturalists during the Fall
2012 Session at Nathan
Bishop Middle School

These animals have been sighted by Urban Naturalists either at Blackstone Park in Providence, Rhode Island or around the City of Providence



Black-capped Chickadee

Lives in woods and hills and sings in winter
Eats small insects, seeds, berries
Sings at dusk



Blue Jay

The blue jay will attack birds and
eat the eggs of other birds. It is the
most common bird in the city and
is very noisy. It is very common
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Centipedes: All

Centipedes are fast-moving with strong jaws. 2 long antennae. 1 pair of long posterior legs. Lives in leaf litter, dead trees, and buildings.



Downy Woodpecker

Lives in woods and hills and sings in winter
Eats small insects, seeds, berries
Sings at dusk

The Downy Woodpecker has a black cap and white face. It has a black and white striped body. It has a red nape. It has a black and white striped body. It has a red nape. It has a black and white striped body. It has a red nape.



House Sparrow

This bird eats insects and seed and lives through out North America.



Red-backed Salamander

Extends from Southern Quebec to Minnesota, to North Carolina. They eat insects and worms.



Eastern Gray Squirrel

Eyes ringed edges of snout are buffy tail long bushy grizzled blackish and white. Vocal: gives variety of Chattering and Clucking Calls.

Eats nuts, buds, inner bark, fruit on the ground and in trees. New England's Most Commonly Seen Mammal. Breeds litters of 2-3 babies in April-May. Lives in broadleaf and mixed forest and towns.



Sow Bugs

This crustaceans live in bunches under logs and dark damp places. Sow Bugs eat dead leaves and grass.



Double-Crested Cormorant

Bird - Seabird Lives along coast and near water. Lives all over North America. Eats fish by diving for them.



Red-tailed Hawk

Bird - Raptor Lives all over North America - likes to live in cities. Eats small mammals, birds and reptiles.



Eastern Screech Owl

Bird - Raptor Lives in forests along Eastern North America. Also lives in lamp posts in cities. Eats small mammals, bugs, reptiles and birds.



Ground Beetle

Insect Live under tree bark, in dirt, rocks and sand, or under logs. Eat other insects and worms.