

Creating the Critter Cards

Name

Directions:

1. Select the animals for your game's critter cards based on your focal geographic area.
2. To create the cards, fold a sheet of paper into quarters and cut into cards along the folds.
3. Follow the critter card requirements below to make sure you have all the required information about each animal on the card.
4. Use the internet to research your animals by using the name of the animal and keywords from the critter card requirements (for example, blue crab habitat or tiger shark migration route). One resource that may be useful for this is the [National Geographic Photo Ark](#) (note: not all animals on the list will be found in the Photo Ark).

Critter Card Requirements

Side A:

- Name of the species, including Latin name
- Drawing or photo of species

Side B (text only):

- Geographic area description
- Habitat description
- Mode of locomotion (e.g., fly, swim, walk)
- Basic requirements for species to flourish (e.g., habitat, diet, reproduction)
- Migration route/range
- Human impacts/threats
- Additional information

Species List: Organized by Geographic Area

The Sonoran Desert Borderlands

- Mexican free-tailed bat (*Tadarida brasiliensis*)
- Black-chinned hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*)
- Bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis nelsoni*)

The Chesapeake Bay

- Tundra swan (*Cygnus columbianus*)
- Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*)
- Blue crab (*Callinectes sapidus*)

The Snake River

- Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)
- Trumpeter swan (*Cygnus buccinator*)
- Mule deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*)

The Gulf Coast of the United States

- Hawksbill turtle (*Ertmochelys imbricata*)
- Tiger shark (*Galeocerdo cuvier*)
- Magnolia warbler (*Setophaga magnolia*)

The Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area

- Silver-haired bat (*Lasionycteris noctivagans*)
- Burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*)
- Hoary bat (*Lasiurus cinereus*)

The Hudson River Estuary

- American eel (*Anguilla rostrata*)
- Spotted salamander (*Ambystoma maculatum*)
- Ruby-throated hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*)