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Wildlife **FACTS** ✓

Match these fun, unusual facts about Utah wildlife to the correct species! Once you figure out which creature it is, write the letter in the blank next to the fact. Good luck and happy matching!

WILDLIFE FACT

1. ____ My top running speed is about 20 miles per hour, and I eat rattlesnakes for breakfast. (Sometimes for lunch and dinner too!)
2. ____ I'm small but ferocious! I throw my head back and howl when defending my territory.
3. ____ As a large ambush predator, I can jump 15–18 feet vertically and leap up to 40 feet horizontally.
4. ____ My reddish-orange front teeth are coated in hard, iron-rich enamel — no toothpaste necessary!
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7. ____ My spectacular dorsal fin is brilliantly colored with shades of pink, green and purple.
8. ____ I'm naturally camouflaged to blend in with my surroundings. I have brown fur in the summer and white fur in the winter.
9. ____ When diving for prey, I can reach speeds of around 240 miles per hour. (Hint: I'm the fastest animal on Earth!)
10. ____ My glands produce a substance called castoreum. It smells like vanilla and has been approved as a natural flavoring for human food.
11. ____ I sometimes have trouble swallowing. That's when I retract my eyeballs deep into my head to help push food down my throat!
12. ____ To confuse and scare off predators, I can shoot blood from my eyes.
13. ____ In the fall, my head changes shape, and my body turns bright red.
14. ____ My 10-foot wingspan is about the length of a small car.
15. ____ My nose is seven times better than a bloodhound's — I can smell food from more than 15 miles away. (So keep your campsite clean!)

SPECIES

- A. Black bear
- B. Pronghorn
- C. Beaver
- D. Moose
- E. Porcupine
- F. Grasshopper mouse
- G. Peregrine falcon
- H. Northern leopard frog
- I. Arctic grayling
- J. Kokanee salmon
- K. Snowshoe hare
- L. California condor
- M. Mountain lion
- N. Greater short-horned lizard
- O. Roadrunner





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ANSWERS

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Were you able to figure out which species matched each remarkable fact? The answers are below.

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