

# Cathance Preserve Carnivores and Herbivores

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The pictures showed that the carnivores arrived at night and the herbivores came during the day. At the herbivore site was deer and at the carnivore site was three fishers and a red fox.



The fisher is a small carnivore that is prized for its beautiful fur. The fisher is part of the weasel family and is characterized by its long skinny body, long bushy tail, and rounded ears. Adults can reach up to 50-63 cm excluding the 33-42 cm tail. The fisher can weigh 3-15 pounds.

The red fox is about the size of a large cat, even though it is a member of the dog family. It weighs about 6.6 to 30.8 pounds. It has a very small and slender body.



The white-tailed deer is one of the most common large herbivores in Maine. The white-tail deer ranges from 6 to 7.75 feet tall and can be from 110-300 pounds. Deer can live from 6-14 years. Deer live in groups called herds. White-tailed deer got their name from the patch of white hair under their tail.

The purpose was to determine what mammals live in the Cathance Preserve and under what circumstances that they appear. The findings were found for CREA and for a project we did at our school. We would like to thank CREA for allowing use of the land and their equipment.

Date or Period Of Pictures	Day/Night and Time	Animal(s) In Photo
September 17-24 2009	Night Dusk/More Dark Than Light	One Fisher Three White Tailed Deer
September 24-October 1 2009	Day Night	Two White Tailed Deer (Does): one very skinny One Fisher
October 1-8 2009	Night 1:00 AM Day(Early Morning) 8:55 AM	One Red Fox One White Tailed Deer
October 8-15 2009	Day	One Golden Retriever
October 15-22 2009 Specific Date: Oct. 17	Night 1:03 AM Day	One Fisher Two White Tailed Deer