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In the Dark

Berkshire Animals Active in the Dark

PLEASE NOTE: This list is not exhaustive. It is meant to provide a sample of species in Berkshire County that are active in dark places or the dark of night. Some of these animals are also active in daylight.

Reptiles

Turtles

Snapping Turtle *Chelydra serpentine*

Spotted Turtle *Clemmys guttata*

Stinkpot *Sternotherus odoratus*

Wood Turtle *Clemmys insculpta*

Snakes

Many snakes become nocturnal during the summer and are diurnal during other times of the year.

Eastern Garter Snake *Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis*

Eastern Milk Snake *Lampropeltis doliata tringulum*

Northern Brown Snake *Storeria dekayi dekayi*

Northern Ring-necked Snake *Diadophis punctatus edwardsj*

Northern Water Snake *Natrix sipedon sipedon*

Timber Rattlesnake *Crotalus horridus horridus*

Amphibians

Frogs

Bullfrog *Rana catesbeiana*

Leopard Frog *Rana pipiens pipiens*

Northern Spring Peeper *Hyla crucifer crucifer*

Pickerel Frog *Rana palustris*

Toads

American Toad *Bufo americanus*

Salamanders

Marbled Salamander *Ambystoma opacum*

Red-backed Salamander *Plethodon cinereus cinereus*

Spotted Salamander *Ambystoma maaculatum*

Fish

Black Crappie *Pomoxis nigromaculatus*

Brook Trout *Salvelinus fontinalis*

Brown Trout *Salmo trutta*

Largemouth Bass *Micropterus salmoides*

Pickerel *Esox niger*

Rainbow Trout *Salmo gairdneri*

Rock Bass *Ambloplites rupestris*

Smallmouth Bass *Micropterus dolomieu*

Yellow Perch *Perca flavescens*

Birds

American Bittern *Botaurus lentiginosus*
American Woodcock *Scolopax minor*
Barred Owl *Strix varia*
Black Crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*
Canada Goose *Branta Canadensis*
Canvasback *Aythya marila*
Chimney Swift *Chaeture pelagica*
Common Barn Owl *Tyto alba*
Common Loon *Gavia immer*
Common Merganser *Mergus merganser*
Common Nighthawk *Chordeiles minor*
Eastern Screech Owl *Otus asio*
Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*
Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*
Great Yellow-legs *Tringa melanoleuca*
Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus*
Killdeer *Charadirus vociferous*
King Rail *Rallus elegans*
Lesser Yellow-legs *Tringa flavipes*
Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*
Long-eared Owl *Asio otus*
Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*
Northern Bobwhite *Colinus virginianus*
Northern Saw-whet Owl *Aegolius acadicus*
Purple Martin *Progne subis*

Ruffed Grouse *Bonasa umbellus*
Semi-palmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*
Semi-palmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*
Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus*
Snowy Owl *Nyctea scandiaca*
Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*
Sora Rail *Porzana Carolina*
Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularia*
Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus*
Veery *Hylocichla fuscescens*
Virginia Rail *Rallus limicola*
Whip-poor-will *Caprimulgus vociferous*
Wood Thrush *Hylocichla mustelina*

Mammals

American Porcupine *Erethizon dorsatum*
American Woodcock *Scolopax minor*
Beaver *Castor Canadensis*
Big Brown Bat *Eptesicus fuscus*
Black Bear *Ursus americanus*
Bobcat *Lynx rufus*
Coyote *Canis latrans*
Eastern Cottontail *Sylvilagus floridanus*
Fisher *Martes pennanti*
Gray Fox *Urocyon cinereoargenteus*

Hairy-tailed Mole *Parascalops breweri*
Long-tailed Weasel *Mustela frenata*
Mountain Lion *Felis concolor*
Muskrat *Ondatra zibethicus*
New England Cottontail *Sylvilagus transitionalis*
Northern Flying Squirrel *Glaucomys sabrinus*
Opossum *Didelphis virginiana*
Raccoon *Procyon lotor*
Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes*
River Otter *Lontra Canadensis*
Short-tailed Shrew *Blarina brevicauda*
Snowshoe Hare *Lepus americanus*
Star-nosed Mole *Condylura cristata*
Striped Skunk *Mephitis mephitis*
White-footed Mouse *Peromyscus leucopus*
White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*
Woodchuck *Marmota monax*
Woodland Jumping Mouse *Napeozapus insignis*