



Species Checklist for Big Thicket National Preserve (BITH)

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Scientific Name		Common Name
<u>Mammals</u>		
Artiodactyla/Cervidae		
☐	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	white-tailed deer, White-tailed Deer
Artiodactyla/Suidae		
☐	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	pig, pig (feral), wild boar, Wild Boar
Carnivora/Canidae		
☐	<i>Canis domesticus</i>	domestic dog
☐	<i>Canis latrans</i>	Coyote
☐	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	Common Gray Fox, Gray Fox
☐	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Red Fox
Carnivora/Felidae		
☐	<i>Felis catus</i>	Domestic Cat
☐	* <i>Lynx rufus</i>	Bobcat
Carnivora/Mephitidae		
☐	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	Striped Skunk
☐	<i>Spilogale putorius</i>	Alleghanian Spotted Skunk, Eastern Spotted Skunk, spotted skunk
Carnivora/Mustelidae		
☐	<i>Lutra canadensis</i>	River Otter
☐	<i>Mustela frenata</i>	Long-tailed Weasel
☐	<i>Mustela vison</i>	American Mink
☐	* <i>Taxidea taxus</i>	American Badger, Badger
Carnivora/Procyonidae		
☐	<i>Bassariscus astutus</i>	Ringtail
☐	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	common raccoon, Northern Raccoon, Raccoon
Carnivora/Ursidae		
☐	* <i>Ursus americanus</i>	American Black Bear, black bear
☐	* <i>Ursus americanus luteolus</i>	Louisiana black bear
Chiroptera/Molossidae		
☐	* <i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>	Brazilian Free-tailed Bat, Mexican Free-tailed Bat
Chiroptera/Vespertilionidae		
☐	<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>	Big Brown Bat
☐	<i>Lasionycteris noctivagans</i>	Black Bat, Silver-black Bat, Silver-haired Bat
☐	<i>Lasiurus borealis</i>	Eastern Red Bat, red bat
☐	<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>	Hoary Bat, Northern Hoary Bat
☐	* <i>Lasiurus intermedius</i>	Northern Yellow Bat



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☐	<i>Lasiurus seminolus</i>	Seminole Bat
☐	<i>Myotis austroriparius</i>	Southeastern Myotis
☐	<i>Nycticeius humeralis</i>	Evening Bat, North American Evening Bat
☐	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Tricolored Bat
☐	* <i>Plecotus rafinesquii</i>	Rafinesque's big-eared bat
Cingulata/Dasypodidae		
☐	<i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i>	long-nosed armadillo, Nine-banded Armadillo
Didelphimorphia/Didelphidae		
☐	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	Virginia Opossum
Eulipotyphla/Soricidae		
☐	<i>Blarina carolinensis</i>	Southern Short-tailed Shrew
☐	<i>Cryptotis parva</i>	bee shrew, Least Shrew, little short-tailed shrew, North American Least Shrew, small short-tailed shrew
Eulipotyphla/Talpidae		
☐	<i>Scalopus aquaticus</i>	Eastern Mole, topos
Lagomorpha/Leporidae		
☐	* <i>Lepus californicus</i>	Black-tailed Jack Rabbit, Black-tailed Jackrabbit, California Jackrabbit, Gray-sided Jackrabbit, Great Plains Jackrabbit, Jackass-hare, Narrow-gauge Mule, Texan Hare, Texas Jack
☐	<i>Sylvilagus aquaticus</i>	Cane Cutter, Cane Jake, Swamp Rabbit, Swamper
☐	<i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>	Eastern Cottontail, Florida cottontail
Rodentia/Castoridae		
☐	<i>Castor canadensis</i>	American Beaver
Rodentia/Cricetidae		
☐	* <i>Baiomys taylori</i>	Northern Pygmy Mouse
☐	* <i>Microtus pinetorum</i>	Pine Vole, Woodland Vole
☐	<i>Neotoma floridana</i>	Eastern Woodrat
☐	<i>Ochrotomys nuttalli</i>	Golden Mouse
☐	<i>Oryzomys palustris</i>	Marsh Oryzomys, Marsh Rice Rat
☐	<i>Peromyscus gossypinus</i>	Cotton Deermouse, Cotton Mouse
☐	<i>Reithrodontomys fulvescens</i>	Fulvous Harvest Mouse
☐	<i>Reithrodontomys humulis</i>	Eastern Harvest Mouse
☐	* <i>Reithrodontomys montanus</i>	Plains Harvest Mouse
☐	<i>Sigmodon hispidus</i>	Hispid Cotton Rat
Rodentia/Echimyidae		
☐	<i>Myocastor coypus</i>	Coypu, nutria
Rodentia/Geomyidae		
☐	<i>Geomys breviceps</i>	Baird's Pocket Gopher



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Rodentia/Heteromyidae	
[] * Perognathus hispidus	hispid pocket mouse
Rodentia/Muridae	
[] Mus musculus	House Mouse
[] * Rattus norvegicus	Brown Rat, Norway Rat
[] * Rattus rattus	Black Rat, House Rat, Roof Rat
Rodentia/Sciuridae	
[] Glaucomys volans	Southern Flying Squirrel
[] Sciurus carolinensis	Eastern Gray Squirrel, gray squirrel
[] Sciurus niger	Eastern Fox Squirrel, fox squirrel
Report Species Count: 57	

*Documented occurrences of the species in the park or in the adjoining region of the park give reason to suspect that it probably occurs within the park; however, current, verifiable evidence is needed.

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