wildlife Striped Skunks

Believe it or not, skunks are a part of the natural world in New York City. You might see one in your own neighborhood!

Did you know?

- Skunks are omnivores and eat both plants and animals. Their diet can include berries, grasses, insects, worms, and small mice.
- Skunks protect themselves with a smelly oil. They spray it from a gland underneath their tail.
- Skunks show they feel scared by stamping their feet and shuffling backwards.
- They do not hibernate, but will stay inside their den for long periods during very cold weather.
- If you see a skunk, don't get too close. The animals will try to protect themselves and may spray, scratch, or bite.

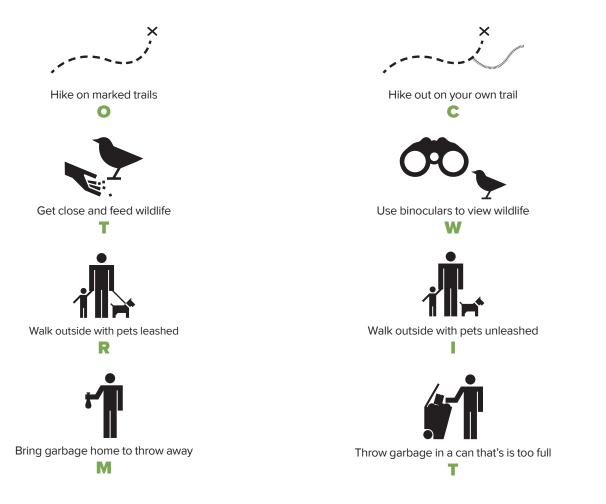


WORD SCRAMBLE

Did you know skunks use their smelly oil spray to protect themselves? You can keep yourself skunk-spray-free if you keep your distance and do not sneak up on one.

Circle the behaviors below that will help keep you from scaring a skunk. Then unscramble the green letters under the behaviors you circled to fill in the blank.

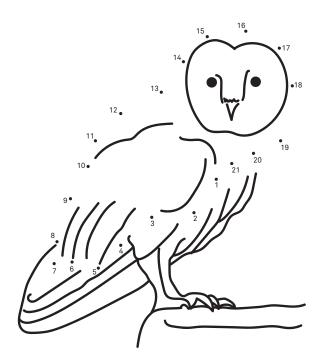
Skunks dig in the ground to find and eat ______s.



CONNECT THE DOTS

Skunks have poor eyesight.

Connect the dots to help the skunk see what predator is hunting them in the forest at night.



WORD SEARCH

Find the hidden words.

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WORD BANK

Mammal Stripe Omnivore Burrow Smelly Fur Black White Tail Nocturnal Timid

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