

Just For Kids

Who Lives in the Park?



Become A Junior Ranger!

Explore your national parks while learning how you can help take care of them for the future. Pick up your activity booklet at the Visitor Center or go online to:

www.nps.gov/tont

Click on "For Kids" and then "Be a Junior Ranger." Complete the activities for your age group and return your activity sheet to the Visitor Center (or by mail) to earn a Tonto National Monument Junior Ranger badge!

Put an "X" in the boxes of the animals below that live in Tonto National Monument.



X

Cottontail



Range Fed Cow



X

Gila Monster



X

Baby Bobcat



X

Coatimundi (Coati)

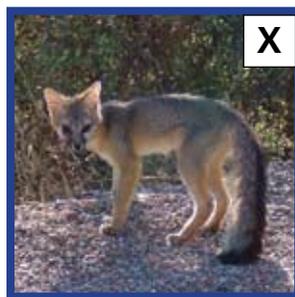


X

Deer



Wild Burros



X

Young Gray Fox



X

Rattlesnake



Fish



X

Coyote



X

Ringtail



X

Mountain Lion



X

Javelina



X

Road Runner



X

Young Black Bear

Use these names to label each animal below its picture:

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| Baby Bobcat | Mountain Lion |
| Coatimundi | Range Fed Cow |
| Cottontail | Rattlesnake |
| Coyote | Ringtail |
| Deer | Road Runner |
| Fish | Wild Burro |
| Gila Monster | Young Black Bear |
| Javelina | Young Gray Fox |

Visit our website: www.nps.gov/tont for the answers and more!

Animals That Don't Live in the Park



Range fed cows don't live in the park today, but they used to! A rancher named Chester Cooper used Cave Creek to supply water for his cattle. An old cattle trough is still visible near the wash. When Teddy Roosevelt set aside Tonto National Monument in 1907, Chester and his cows were "grandfathered" in, which means they were allowed to stay. When Chester died, his cows had to be moved outside the park. The park wasn't officially "cow free" until the late 1970's when the boundary fence was completed. Because of the fragile desert ecosystem and numerous archeological sites, cows are no longer allowed to roam or graze within the park. Range fed cows are found just outside the park boundaries on the US Forest Service lands. They are allowed to graze there but only by permit.



We have no wild burros in Tonto National Monument but they are found in Arizona. At nearby Lake Pleasant, burros were brought there by miners in the the late 1800's. When the mines were abandoned, so were the burros. Today they are wild and roam the lands around the lake freely.



We have no fish in Tonto National Monument either. When the Salado Indians lived here in their pueblos, they may have gone down to the Salt River to fish. This would have made a nice addition to their already diverse diet.



Arizona's State Mammal



Part of the raccoon family, the *ringtail* has a body like a cat, face and ears like a fox, a tail like a raccoon, and climbs like a squirrel! It is also known as the miners cat because of its use to control rodent populations in mines.