

ANIMAL FUN FACT FRIDAY

Boreal Forest Biomes

Lynxs:

- Tuft of black hair on tips of ears and short-bobbed tail
- Stalk and ambush hunters
- Very vocal - meow, purr and hiss

Moose:

- Like cows, have a 4-chambered stomach
- Antlers used for fighting; shed every year
- Word "moose" comes from Algonquin languages

Voles:

- Short lives - 2 to 4 months
- Expert tunnel makers
- Small mice-like rodents; around 150 species

Ravens:

- Playful creatures; acrobats in the sky
- Can talk and sing; over 100 vocalizations
- A group is called an "unkindness"

Blue-Spotted Salamanders:

- 4 toes on front feet; 5 on back feet
- Secretive and solitary
- Glands on the tail produce a milky toxic liquid that is secreted when it is threatened.

Wolves:

- Live in packs of up to 20 other wolves
- Howl can be heard up to 6 miles away
- Pups are born blind and deaf

Bark Beetles:

- Different species attack different trees
- Tunnel under tree bark cutting off trees' supply of food and water
- Attack both living and dying trees

Birch Leaf Miners:

- Life cycle is 30-40 days
- Create "mines" that turn areas of the leaves brown
- 1/8" long, black fly-like insect

Forest Tent Caterpillars:

- Highly social beings
- Feed at night, relax during day
- Clump up to 100-150 together for warmth and protection from predators

