



## OHIO'S WILDLIFE HISTORY NOTES

Following are some quick notes to help Ohio teachers use the Wildlife History Timeline information in their classrooms. The information was compiled by Mike Moutoux of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife, drawing primarily on two sources, [A Guide to the Mammals of Ohio](#) by Jack L. Gottschang, and [The Birds of Ohio](#), by Peterjohn and Zimmerman.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Millions of Trees</u>	<u>Quick Note</u>
1770	24	Trumpeter Swans probably extirpated.
1788	0	Marietta built. General Putnam et al.
1803	-1	Bison extirpated; the last one recorded in Lawrence Co.
1830	-2	Beaver extirpated.
1838	-3	Snowshoe Hare extirpated. Ashtabula Co.
1840	-2	Elk extirpated, last record: Ashtabula Co.
1842	-1	Wolf extirpated. Last known pack of 7 shot in Tuscarawas Co.
1845	-1	Mountain Lions no longer reported (no final records) (this is a guess)
1861	-2	Barn Owls first recorded near Cincinnati.
1862	-1	Carolina Parakeet extirpated, last report: a small flock in Columbus
1869	-1	House Sparrows first recorded. (Cleveland, Cincinnati and Warren)
1880	-1	Prairie Chickens and Ravens gone, last known in NW counties
1881	-2	Black Bear extirpated, (last record: Paulding Co.)
1886		Fish Commission becomes Fish and Game Commission
1900	-2	Passenger Pigeon gone in the wild, last record from Pike Co.
1904	-1	Deer extirpated. Wild Turkeys extirpated.

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1916	-1	Starling first reported in Coshocton Co.
1926	-0	Last known nesting of Sandhill Cranes, Huron Bog
1932	-0	Deer return via release into Scioto Co. by D.O.W.
1936	-0	Beaver returns, first noted again in Ashtabula Co. (Pymatuning)
1941	-0	Ospreys build last known nest at Buckeye Lake. (other records)
1947	+1	Coyote first reported in Preble Co. (Other sources have 1919)
1954	+1	Otter extirpated. Last reports: Ashtabula, Coshocton, Monroe.
1956	+2	Wild Turkeys reintroduced into southeastern counties.
1985	+1	Black Bear sightings begin (eastern counties)
1986	+1	River Otters re-introduced into Grand River, Trumbull Co.
1987	0	Sandhill Cranes nest again; one pair found in Wayne Co.
1988	0	Falcons nest for first time ever in Ohio: Toledo hotel bldg.
1995	0	Ospreys nesting again: Ohio River, Jefferson Co.
1996	0	Trumpeter Swans re-introduced: Magee Marsh, Ottawa Co.
2000	0	Snowshoe Hare release. (183 released, Ashtabula)

For more information on these notes, check out the books above, or contact the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Look for their Life History notes on their web page: [www.dnr.state,oh.us/odnr/wildlife](http://www.dnr.state,oh.us/odnr/wildlife)

A tabletop model of the wildlife history timeline is available for classroom presentations. Contact your local Division of Wildlife district office.



