



WILDLIFE: FACT OR MYTH



1. THE RED FOX IS A LONER

- FACT OR MYTH: MYTH
- WHILE RED FOXES CAN BE OBSERVED ON THEIR OWN, THEY OFTEN THRIVE IN FAMILY GROUPS, ESPECIALLY DURING THE PUP-REARING SEASON.

2. ALLIGATORS CAN BE FOUND IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

- FACT OR MYTH: MYTH
- NO WAY! ALLIGATORS PREFER WARMER CLIMATES, SO THEY'RE NOT FOUND LOUNGING AROUND IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

3. THE COMMON LOON IS KNOWN FOR ITS HAUNTING CALLS.

- FACT OR MYTH: FACT
- TRUE! THE COMMON LOON IS KNOWN FOR ITS EERIE CALLS, WHICH CAN SOUND SPOOKY TO SOME PEOPLE!

4. BABY SKUNKS CAN'T SPRAY

- FACT OR MYTH: MYTH
- THEY HAVE DEVELOPED GLANDS AND ARE JUST AS LIKELY TO SPRAY YOU. IT'S BETTER TO KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!

5. MOTHER BIRDS WILL ABANDON THEIR BABIES IF THEY CAN SMELL YOUR SCENT ON THEM

- FACT OR MYTH: MYTH
- THIS IS NOT TRUE. MOST BIRDS HAVE A POOR SENSE OF SMELL AND WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PICK UP YOUR SCENT. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD NEVER JUST GO PICKING BABY BIRDS UP. YOU COULD HURT THEM. INSTEAD, ADMIRE THEM FROM A DISTANCE.

6. THE GREAT BLUE HERON IS A MIGRATORY BIRD.

- FACT OR MYTH: FACT
- THAT'S CORRECT. THERE ARE HOWEVER A SMALL NUMBER OF THEM IN PEI THAT STAY OVERWINTER WHERE THERE IS SUFFICIENT OPEN WATER.

7. BATS ARE BLIND.

- FACT OR MYTH: MYTH
- BATS ARE NOT BLIND! IN FACT, THEY HAVE GOOD NIGHT VISION AND ARE WELL-ADAPTED TO SEEING IN LOW LIGHT CONDITIONS.

8. HUMPBACK WHALES CAN BE SPOTTED OFF THE COAST OF PEI.

- FACT OR MYTH: FACT
- YES! HUMPBACK WHALES TRAVEL ALONG THE ATLANTIC COAST, AND YOU CAN CATCH GLIMPSES OF THEM NEAR PEI DURING CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR.

9. RIVER OTTERS ARE PLAYFUL ANIMALS.

FACT OR MYTH: FACT

YES! RIVER OTTERS ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR PLAYFUL BEHAVIOUR, OFTEN SEEN SLIDING DOWN MUD OR SNOWBANKS AND ENGAGING IN PLAYFUL WRESTLING WITH EACH OTHER.

