



# Oklahoma Bingo

## **Audience**

Activity designed for ages 8 years and up.

## **Goal**

Student will be able to appreciate the diversity of Native Oklahoma wildlife and wild places.

## **Objective**

- To identify some animals, plants and nature-related objects in your local area.
- To get outside and explore.

## **Conservation Message**

Oklahoma is an incredibly diverse state, both in landscape and wildlife. It is important to protect and conserve not only the diverse wildlife but the common “backyard” wildlife as well. All animals, even if commonly found in our backyards, serve a purpose. Many animals we see in our neighborhoods have adapted to living near people, but they are still wild animals and should not be bothered or touched. We can help these animals thrive by adding in native plants to our gardens to help the pollinators or putting up a simple bird feeder.

## **Background Information**

Urbanization has a huge effect on wildlife, and it is not always negative! Our housing additions can provide great shelter for some of the native animals. Many neighborhood ponds are great stop over places for migrating waterfowl. Large beautiful trees that line the streets are wonderful nesting spots for many birds, from songbirds to birds of prey. Open grasslands can provide a haven for small mammals. Our own fenced in backyards can be home to all sorts of insects, birds, and plants. Animals found in urban areas are all important parts of the ecosystem. Urban animals can even include some of our state’s symbols; such as the state bird, the scissor-tailed flycatcher and the state insect, the honeybee.

## **Materials Needed**

- Oklahoma Bingo Sheet

- Markers or Crayons
- Clipboard (optional)

### **Length of Activity**

30 mins

### **Procedure**

- Print off Oklahoma Bingo Sheet.
- Grab a clipboard or place Bingo Sheet on flat surface.
- Take a walk through your neighborhood or local park. If you cannot go outside, find a comfortable spot near a window.
- Observe the wildlife around you.
- When you see or find one of the animals, plants, or nature related objects mark it off on your Bingo Sheet with a marker or crayon.
- When you find an entire row or column you have completed the Oklahoma bingo game!
- For extra fun go for a black out, where you check off the entire bingo sheet.

# Oklahoma

**B**

Find a non-living natural item.

**I**



Worm

**N**



Flower

**G**

Find an amphibian.

**O**



Robin



Grass

Find a flowing body of water.



Ladybug



Leaf



Fly



Ant



Cardinal

Free Space

Find the state insect.



Shrub

Find the state bird.



Tree



Pond



Beetle

Find a rodent.



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