



## Design a New Maine Animal

There are many different types animals that live in Maine, and they are all very important. They live in different habitats and have special adaptations to help them survive. Animals need special adaptations to help the get food, survive different weather, and survive in one or more habitats.



**Directions:** Let's create an animal all your own using what we know about Maine's wildlife. You'll need something to draw with (pencil, crayon) and something to draw on (paper). You can use the word boxes to help you pick the habitat, what your animal will eat (diet), and how it will move. There is also a list of different types of Maine animals to help you choose to combine different adaptations into a new animal.

1. Decide where your new Maine animal will live? What habitat is it?
2. What will your new Maine animal eat(diet)? Plants, meat, both?
3. How does it get around? Walk, swim, climb, fly?
4. What will you call your new Maine animal?

It is all up to you how to design your new Maine animal.

### Habitat ideas:

- ❖ **Wetland**-ponds, rivers, lakes and streams, swamps and trees
- ❖ **Forest**- pines trees, maple trees, bushes, logs and branches
- ❖ **Field**- grassland, flowers, a few trees, and a small pond

### Diet ideas:

- ❖ **Herbivore**- eats plants like leaves, twigs, berries
- ❖ **Carnivore**- eats meat, other animals including insects
- ❖ **Omnivore**- eats plants and meat

### Movement ideas:

- ❖ **Walk**- Uses legs to walk, run, leap mostly
- ❖ **Climb**- Uses legs or other body parts to climb trees, rocks, cliffs
- ❖ **Swim**- Uses legs, fins, body to swim mostly
- ❖ **Fly**- has wings to fly

### **Here are some ideas of real Maine animals to help you think of adaptations:**

black bear, moose, great blue heron, bumble bee, spotted turtle, garter snake, brook trout, turkey, dragonfly, bullfrog, beaver, red squirrel, red fox, coyote, snapping turtle, eastern box turtle, porcupine, bobcat, spotted salamander, black-capped chickadee, piping plover, Atlantic puffin, bald eagle, American toad, jumping spider, monarch butterfly, and so many more....

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

My new Maine animal is a \_\_\_\_\_.

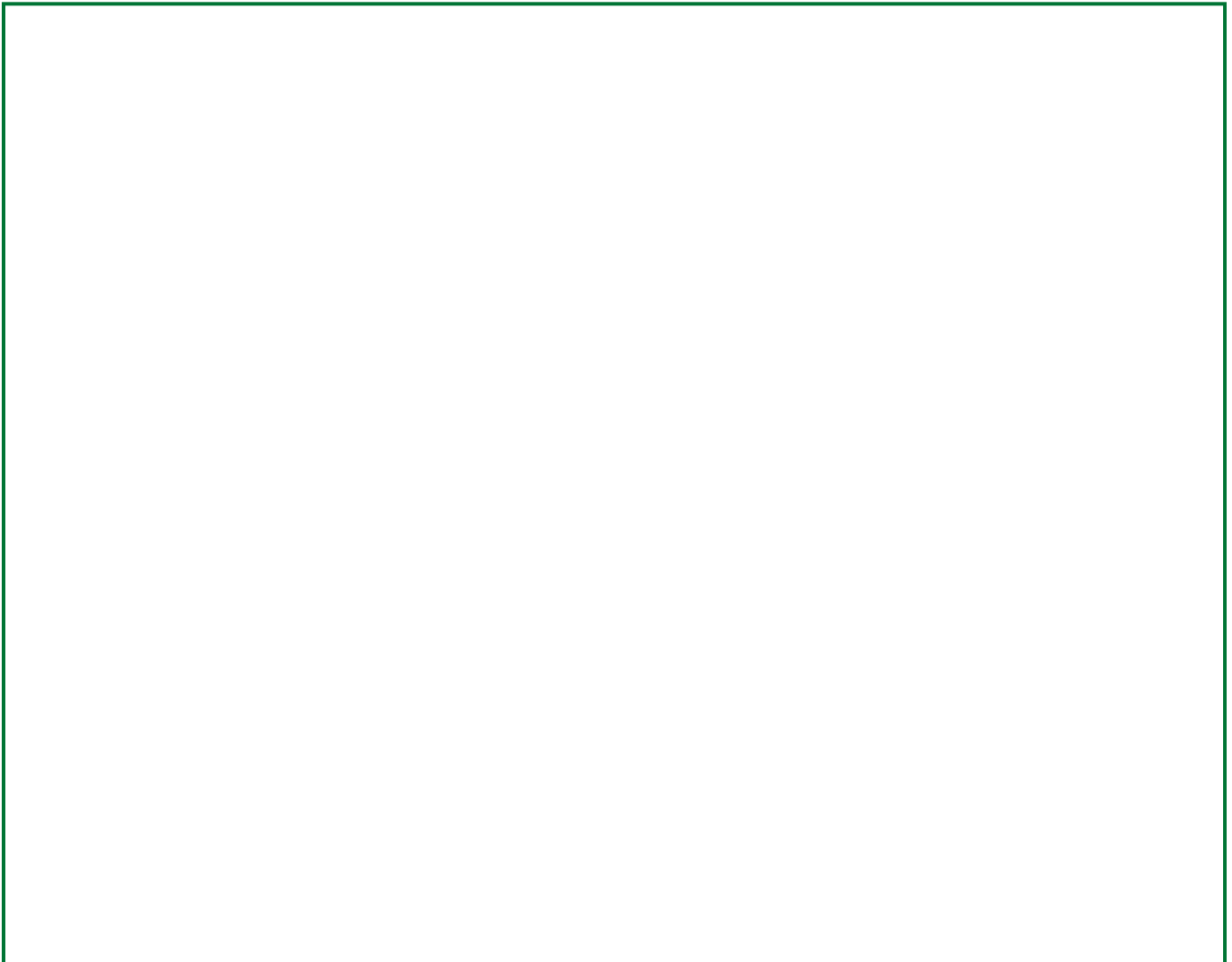
Habitat:

Diet:

Movement:

Special adaptations:

Use this space to draw your animal. Add some of its habitat and food.



Your Name Krissi

Date 5/20/2020

My new Maine animal is a Bear-Legged Climbing Turtle.

Habitat: Field

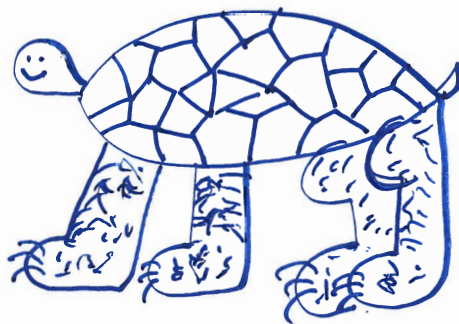
Diet: Omnivore

Movement: Walk

Special adaptations: Long legs to move faster + climb

Use this space to draw your animal. Add some of its habitat and food.

**EXAMPLE**



- Turtle body

- bear's legs