

Snapshot Wisconsin: Making Observations



The following images are from Snapshot Wisconsin trail cameras. Cameras capture hundreds of images each year, these example photos are meant to give you an idea of what activity happens at these trail camera sites.

Disclaimer: we are not able to give the total “picture” in just six images – there are animals at these sites that aren’t reflected in these photos.

Please keep this in mind while making observations. Enjoy!



Part 1: Making Observations

Example Observations

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- What species of animal?
- Are there multiple animals? Or species?
- How are the animals behaving?
- What is the habitat? What plants?
- Are the animals interacting with there environment?
- What time of day is it?
- Do you expect to see this animal this time of day?



Part 1: Making Observations

Example Observations

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“There is a deer foraging in the foreground of the photo, and a big group of cranes in the background. They aren’t flying away so the deer might not be a predator.”

“The habitat looks grassy with water, maybe a wetland? The trees have no leaves and the ground looks brown.”

“I haven’t saw cranes here in the winter, they might be migrating.”

“The sun is rising. These animals may be active in the mornings.”



Part 1: Making Observations

Single Photo Observations



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Daytime Observations (8:35 AM)

White-tailed deer
Odocoileus virginianus



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Daytime Observations (9:37 AM)

Red-tailed hawk
Buteo jamaicensis



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Daytime Observations (10:03 AM)

Wild turkey
Meleagris gallopavo



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Daytime Observations (3:31 PM)

Easter gray squirrel
Sciurus carolinensis



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Daytime Observations (3:34 PM)

Woodchuck
Marmota monax



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Daytime Observations (5:12 PM)

White-tailed deer
Odocoileus virginianus



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Daytime Observations (6:57 PM)

Elk
Cervus canadensis



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Nighttime Observations (11:05 PM)

Porcupine
Erethizon dorsatum



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Nighttime Observations (12:09 AM)

Raccoon
Procyon lotor



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Nighttime Observations (2:36 AM)

Striped skunk
Mephitis mephitis



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Nighttime Observations (3:07 AM)

White-tailed deer
Odocoileus virginianus



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Nighttime Observations (5:02 AM)

American badger
Taxidea taxus



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Nighttime Observations (5:55 AM)

White-tailed deer
Odocoileus virginianus



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Daytime / Nighttime Comparison



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Summer Observations

White-tailed deer
Odocoileus virginianus



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Summer Observations

Black bear
Ursus americanus



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Summer Observations

River otter
Lontra canadensis



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Summer Observations

Snowshoe hare
Lepus americanus



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Summer Observations

Wild turkey
Meleagris gallopavo



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Summer Observations

White-tailed deer
Odocoileus virginianus



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Winter Observations

White-tailed deer
Odocoileus virginianus



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Winter Observations

Wild turkey
Meleagris gallopavo



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Winter Observations

White-tailed deer
Odocoileus virginianus



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Winter Observations

Snowshoe hare
Lepus americanus



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Winter Observations

White-tailed deer
Odocoileus virginianus



Part 2: Observations Across Time

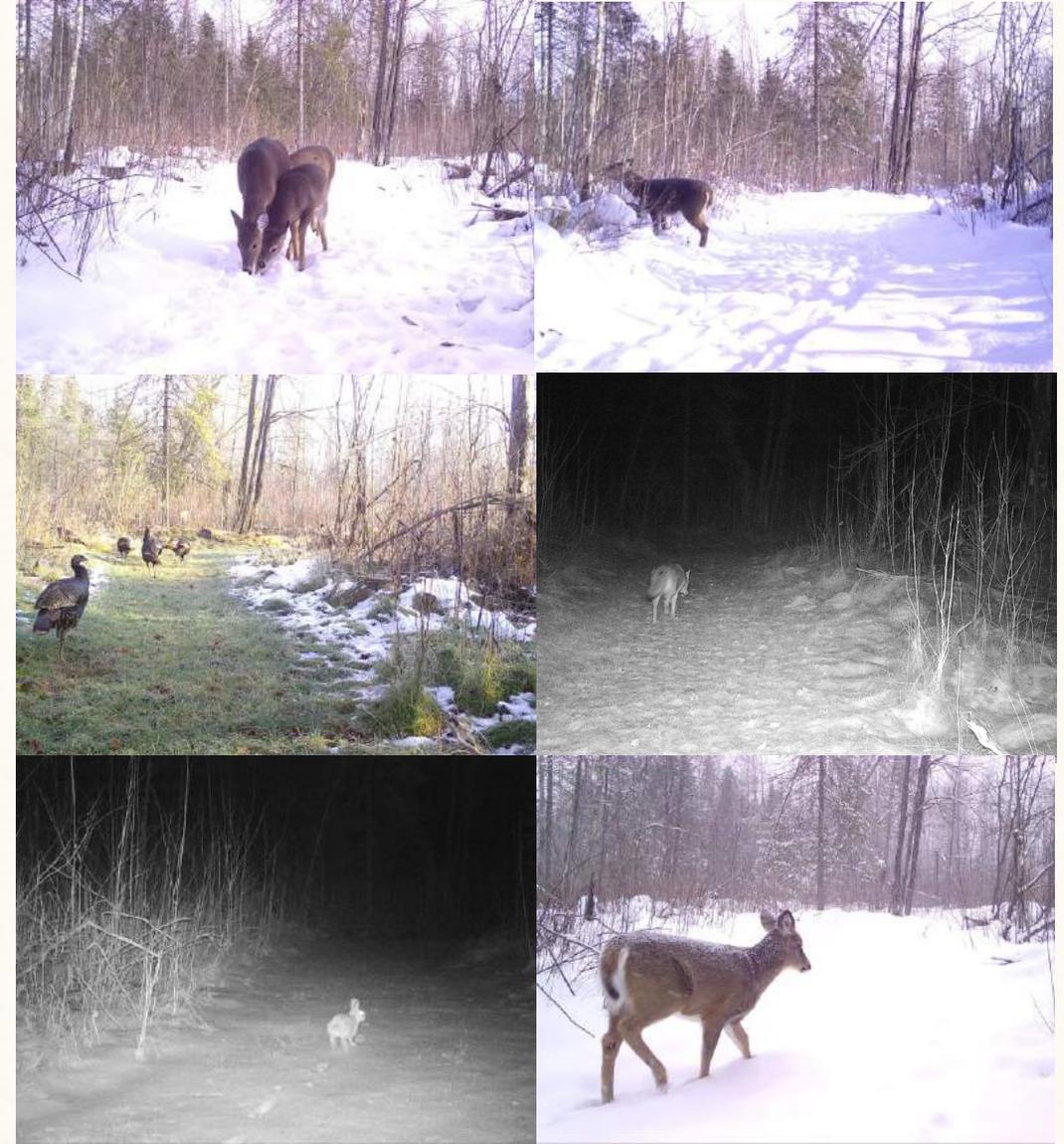
Winter Observations

Coyote
Canis latrans



Part 2: Observations Across Time

Summer / Winter Comparison



Part 3: Observations Across Space

Northern Lakes and Forests Ecoregion

Black bear
Ursus americanus



Part 3: Observations Across Space

Northern Lakes and Forests Ecoregion

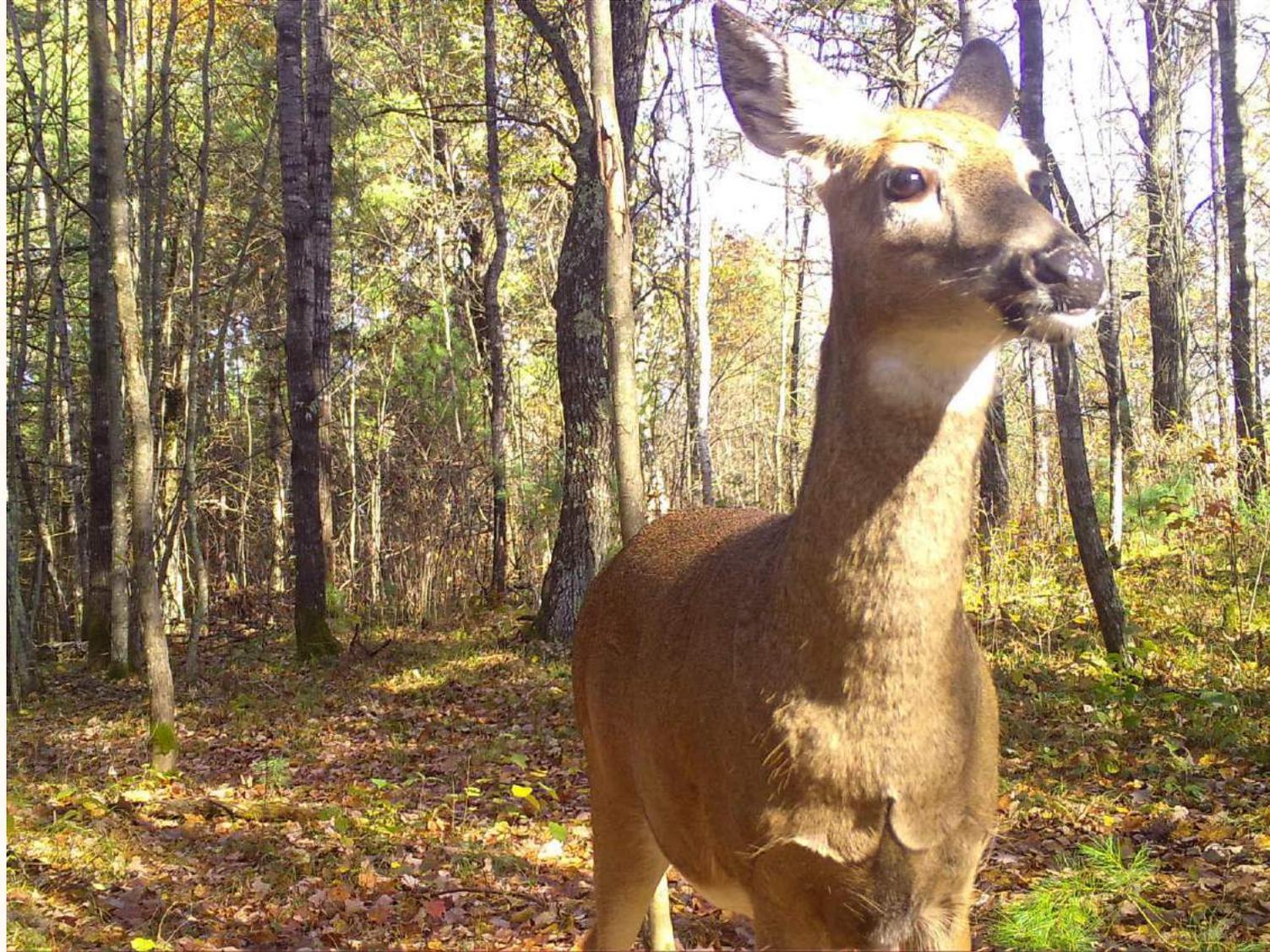
Elk
Cervus canadensis



Part 3: Observations Across Space

Northern Lakes and Forests Ecoregion

White-tailed deer
Odocoileus virginianus



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Fisher
Martes pennanti



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Coyote
Canis latrans



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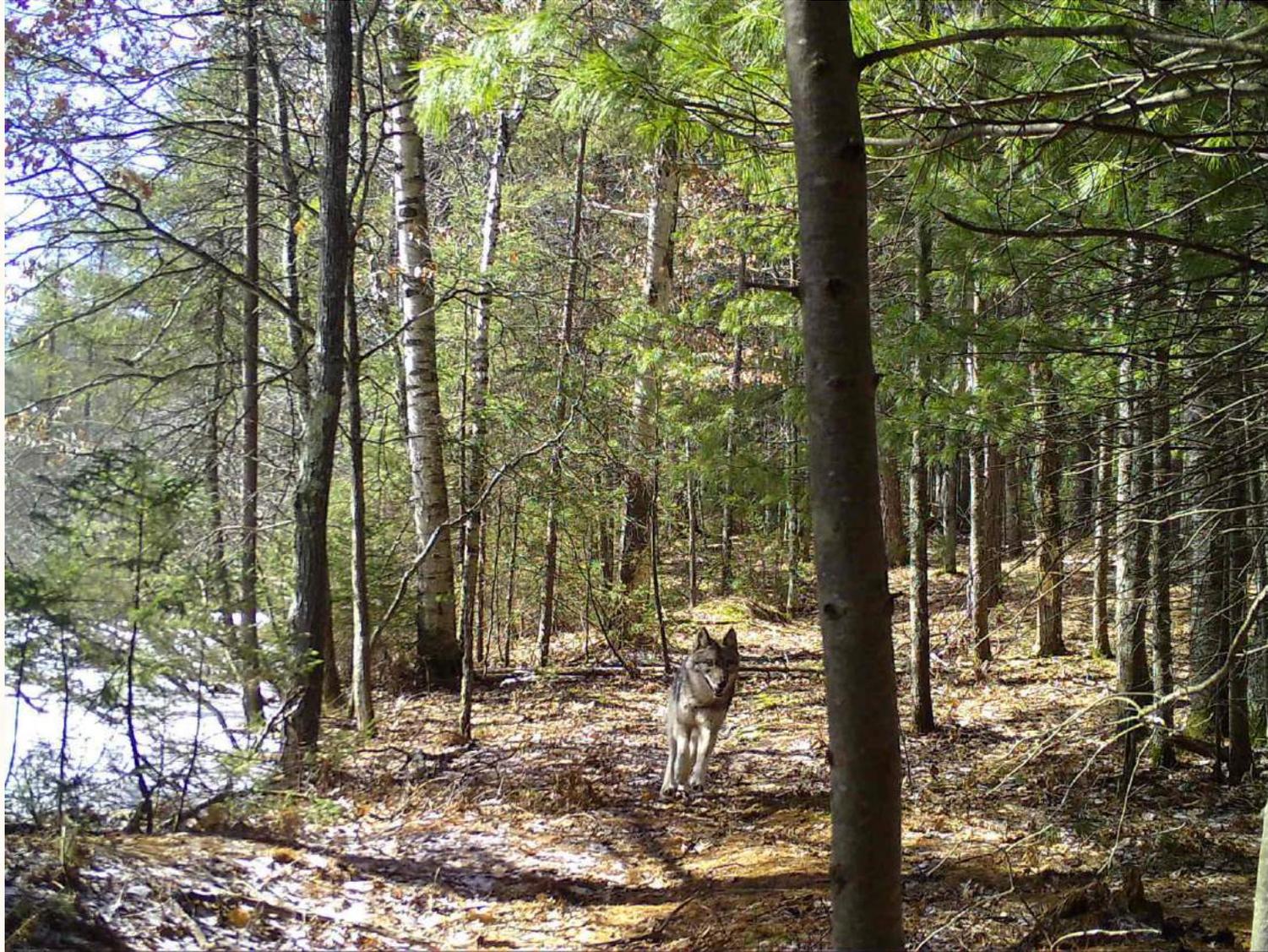
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Ursus americanus



Part 3: Observations Across Space

Northern Lakes and Forests Ecoregion

Gray wolf
Canis lupus



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Southern Wisconsin Till Plains Ecoregion

Sandhill crane
Grus canadensis



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Southern Wisconsin Till Plains Ecoregion

Raccoon
Procyon lotor



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Southern Wisconsin Till Plains Ecoregion

Cedar waxwing
Bombycilla cedrorum



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White-tailed deer
Odocoileus virginianus



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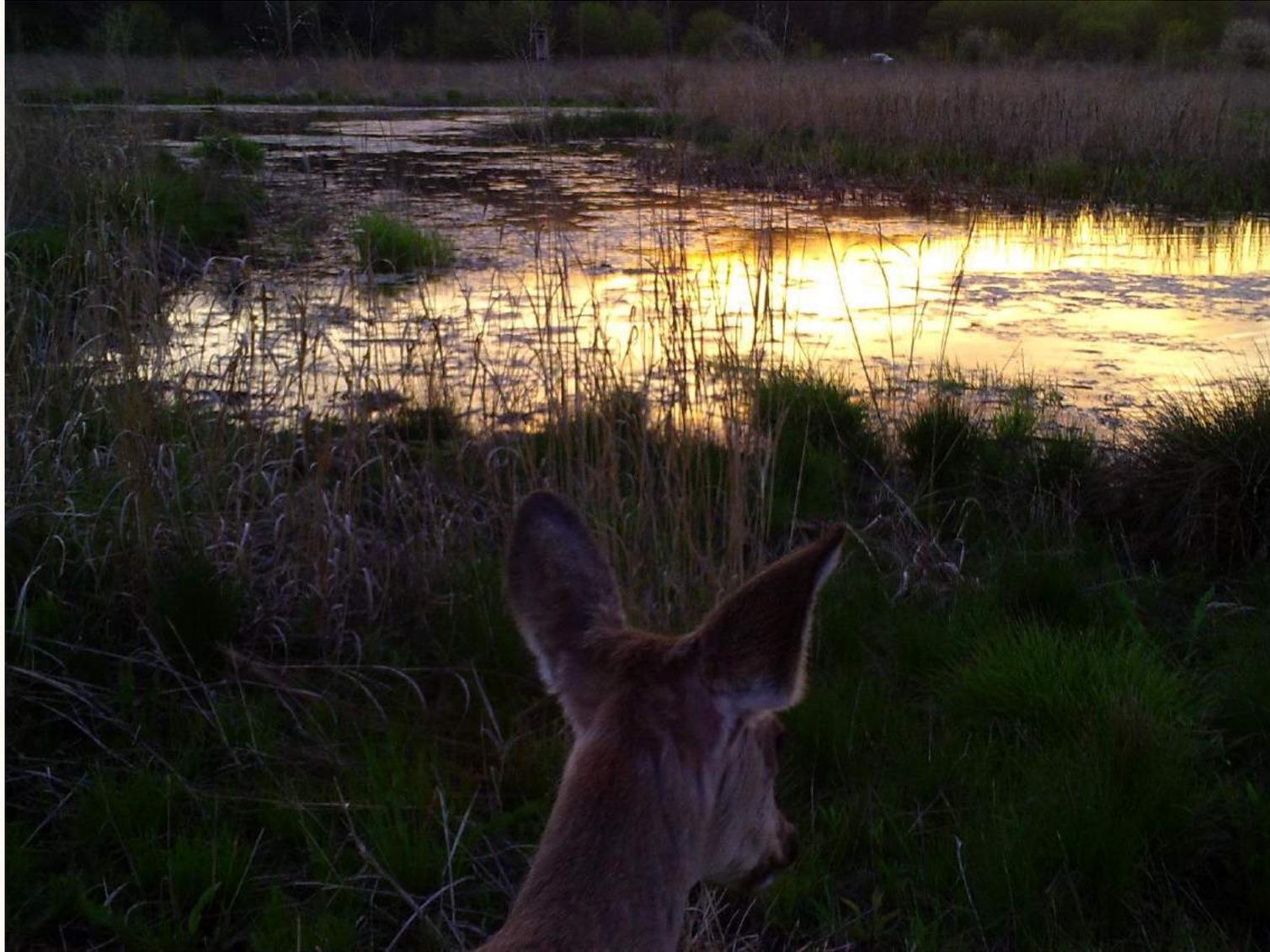
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Canis latrans



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Ecoregion Comparison

