Animal Classification

One way to classify animals is by looking at their external parts. Body coverings like fur, feathers and scales can help us decide to which group an animal belongs!

How many do you see? Mark it below. You can estimate with larger groups.

Circle the group you saw most often:

- Mammal
- Bird
- Reptile
- Amphibian
- Fish

Write the name of one animal you saw today:

Which group does it represent?

How do you know?
Many different types of animals make their homes in Chicago. You may have seen some of the animals below around Chicago. Based on their body coverings, classify these animals.

**Group.** Draw a line from the group name to the animal. Some groups may have more than one match.

**Body covering.** Fill in the blanks using these words: Fur, Feathers, Dry Scales, Smooth Wet Skin, Wet Scales

- Grey Squirrel
- American Toad
- Rabbit
- Bluegill
- Cardinal
- Painted Turtle

Choose one animal that makes its home in Chicago. How does this animal’s body covering help it survive in Chicago?