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BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE BIO

Fall is my favorite season. Tons of leaves, lots of wind, cool air-- what could be better than that? As thrilling as the surrounding "extracurricular" opportunities are here in Central Ohio, I have found enjoyment nearby in the lush, utopian Denison Bioreserve. Despite, passing peak fall colors, the Bioreserve offers nothing but breathtaking scenery with its flora and fauna. Although hard to believe, there is far more to see than the bushes and thorns that seem to cover the entirety of the land, air and sea in "The Bio". Its other residents deserve their turn in the spotlight as well. Without further ado, here are the top 8 animals found in the Denison Bioreserve.

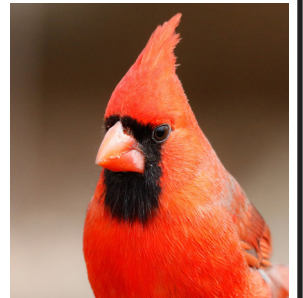


#8: The Carolina Wren

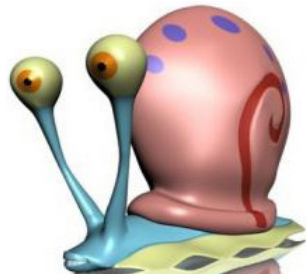
These songbirds are cool and all but not much to write home about. Like bro, we live in Ohio not Carolina. They have a nice little whistle sounds like they are saying "witchity-witchity-witchity" but Halloween is over so what is that. Overall, pretty cool nothing crazy looks average.

#7: The Cardinal

Like the St. Louis Cardinals, these birds are pretty mid. They are much more colorful than the wrens at number 8 and add a little more of a surprise in with the classic Ohio haze, still though nothing crazy.



#6: Snails



You have to look closely to find these guys, but they are always an enjoyable find. Under a log, in the spring peeper pond, the creek or even your Slayter salad the snails are always there. Ever present and always plotting to find you, do not doubt The Bio snails.

#5: Deer

Everyone knows Deer. They stand in front of your car when you're driving down the hill and seem to find their way onto the snapchat story of every freshman. Despite this, they serve as a Bioreserve mainstay, elusive yet ever present. You think it's safe to cut through a patch of tall grass? Wrong, deer will be there. I'd even say it's a safe assumption that there may be more deer in Ohio than people. But will we ever really know?



#4: Sticklebacks

Only real Bio fans know this guy. The stickleback fish is elusive to even the most adept explorers, mainly because it lives in water. But nothing beats catching a glimpse of a tiny fish in the creek, and then watching it dart away. Those fleeting moments are what you live for in the Bio, just wish it happened more.

#3: GRANVILLE ANTI-MASKERS

There's always a few these days, soaking up the last seconds of sun before the Ohio winter drear sets in. Understandable to see some nature, but why number the days for the rest of us? Despite this, they are always quite friendly and always have a long winded story if you'll give them the time of day.

#2: ZOMBIE DEER



Popularized by the same heyday mid-2010's internet that produced the killer clowns, I bring you back the zombie deer. Now there is no proof there are zombie deer, but there is also no proof that there aren't any either. It would make sense if they live in the bio, plenty of brains to go around here at Denison.

#1: BIO RESERVE BEAR



The mortal enemy of deer and zombie deer alike. Do not go in the bioreserve past dark without some bear spray unless you're ready to be bear chum. Clearly ruthless and will stop at nothing, many a deer carcass has fallen victim to their gaping jaws. As the most intimidating animal in the bio they do deserve some credit and as the most likely to eat me while out on a walk, I feel obligated to give them the number one spot. Keep your head on a swivel.

Honorable Mention: Deer Tick

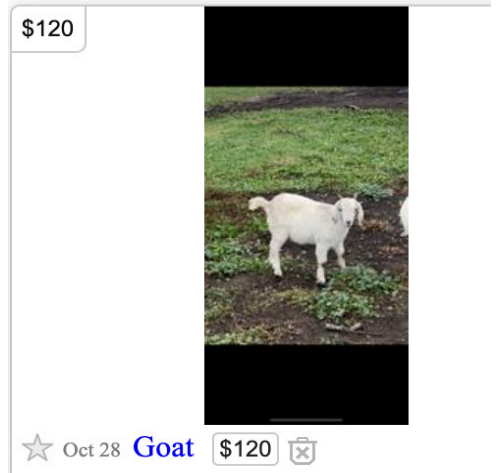
-Ian Childs '23, Steve Irwin's Son

CRAIGSLIST LIVESTOCK UPDATE

Hey it's me, your local livestock expert. If you're anything like me, you're in desperate need of farm animals right now and also stuck with a 1,000 dollar budget. Don't worry. I've just completed a deep dive into Craigslist's farm animal offerings and I've picked out the best and most affordable animals there are.

GOAT

Goats are pretty damn cool. They eat trash, they make goat noises, and they provide the base for 50% of all cheeses sold in Silverstein. A goat for 120 dollars is highly affordable and can be used for a range of innocent and nefarious purposes. This particular goat is 8-9 months old (the craigslist poster in question didn't seem too sure, but who am I to judge? This guy probably has a ton of goats to keep track of) and is a 50/50 mix of Saanen and Boer. This one's undeniably a must cop.



★ Nov 9 Adult male mini pig (neutered) \$50

It's a mini pig. He's an adult. He's neutered. Not much else to say.

This pig is the price of three large specialty pizzas at Donato's (not including the tip, which is essential), so it's hard to make a case against buying this guy. He can probably be taught to do tricks or calculus or something since pigs are pretty smart. If you can't quite afford a guard dog, but you're in the market for something beefier than a guard goldfish, this is the farm animal for you.

PIG

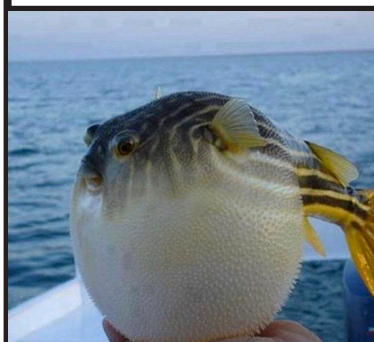
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I know I said something a few paragraphs ago about a \$1,000 dollar budget but I really don't care about whatever promises I made earlier. This dude has some MASSIVE horns and would be the life of any farm-themed party. The ad clearly states that he is absolutely *NOT* for beef, and is an extremely relaxed individual. He's also produced many children; you could potentially breed an entire longhorn bull army with some dope lookin' horns if you found a suitable mate for him.



★ Oct 6 longhorn bull \$2,500 (Alexandria)

-James.



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Strike while the iron's hot! Go get 'em, tiger!