

Curriculum Unit Title Delaware, Spadefoots, and Squirrels: A Small Wonder

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KEY LEARNING, ENDURING UNDERSTANDING, ETC.

This unit explores endangered animals in Delaware. After background research on both the animals and the Native American relationship with the animals and their environment, students examine maps, charts, and graphs to determine the causes of habitat loss. They are encouraged to explore and pursue ways to save the animals.

ESSENTIAL QUESTION(S) for the UNIT

What animals are endangered in Delaware and the Mid-Atlantic Region?
What are main causes of habitat loss in Delaware?
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CONCEPT A	CONCEPT B	CONCEPT C
Endangered Species	Habitat Loss	Protecting Delaware
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VOCABULARY A	VOCABULARY A	VOCABULARY A
Endangered, threatened, Spadefoot Toads, Ecosystem	Land Use, Development, Deforestation.	Habitat, legislation, conservation

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/MATERIAL/TEXT/FILM/RESOURCES

“Night of the Spadefoot Toads” by Bill Harley
Video on Ecosystems
Video on Endangered/Threatened Species