

All 63 animal riddles

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Cut along the dashed lines. Fold each card down the middle: riddle on the front, answer on the back.

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Riddle 1 • Who am I?

Like a cloud, I'm fluffy and white.
I come to you at night.



Whose shadow?

From our book Farm Animals



Sheep!

Riddle 1

Riddle 2 • Who am I?

Close to the dawn, around 6 o'clock
my melody wakes you up. I rock!



Whose shadow?

From our book Farm Animals



Rooster!

Riddle 2

Riddle 3 • Who am I?

I am tall, in chess they call me knight.
I can be brown, black or white.



Whose shadow?

From our book Farm Animals



Horse!

Riddle 3

Riddle 4 • Who am I?

I chew my lunch, then I chew it once more.
My tummy has rooms. How many? Four!

Clue 2

My coat has patches like a puzzle, you see,
and when you hear MOO, you know it is me!



Whose shadow?



Cow!

Riddle 4

Riddle 5 • Who am I?

I hardly sweat, so what do I do?
I roll in the mud to cool down. Wouldn't you?

Clue 2

My nose is flat and my tail is a curl.
Oink oink! I say to every boy and girl.



Whose shadow?



Pig!

Riddle 5

Riddle 6 • Who am I?

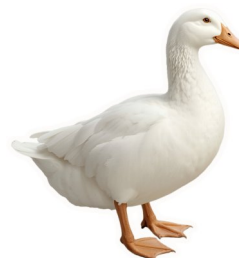
Rain on my feathers just rolls away.
I stay dry on the wettest day!

Clue 2

My feet are like flippers, orange and wide.
Quack quack! I say, with my ducklings beside.



Whose shadow?



Duck!

Riddle 6

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Riddle 7 • Who am I?

I look like a horse who forgot to grow tall,
with ears so long, I can hear it all.

Clue 2

I carry the bags up the hill with care.
HEE HAW is my song. Can you hear it up there?



Whose shadow?

**Donkey!**

Riddle 7

Riddle 8 • Who am I?

My head turns red, then white, then blue.
It shows how I feel. Isn't that true for you?

Clue 2

I open my tail like a big paper fan.
Gobble gobble! Catch me if you can!



Whose shadow?

**Turkey!**

Riddle 8

Riddle 9 • Who am I?

I guard the farm better than any old dog.
I honk at the fox and the cat and the frog.

Clue 2

We fly in a V, high up in the sky.
HONK HONK! we shout as we're passing by.



Whose shadow?

**Goose!**

Riddle 9

Riddle 10 • Who am I?

My wool is soft and my neck is long.
When I'm happy, I hum a little song.

Clue 2

Be nice to me, or watch out, beware!
When I get grumpy, I spit through the air!



Whose shadow?

**Llama!**

Riddle 10

Riddle 11 • Who am I?

I nap in the sun for most of the day,
then chase a red dot that runs away.

Clue 2

Nine lives, people say, and whiskers too.
Purr purr, meow! I'm the boss of you!



Whose shadow?

**Cat!**

Riddle 11

Riddle 12 • Who am I?

My nose is so clever, it's never wrong.
I sniff your socks and I sniff all day long.

Clue 2

I wag my tail when you walk through the door.
WOOF! Throw the ball, and I'll fetch it once more!



Whose shadow?

**Dog!**

Riddle 12

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Riddle 13 · Who am I?

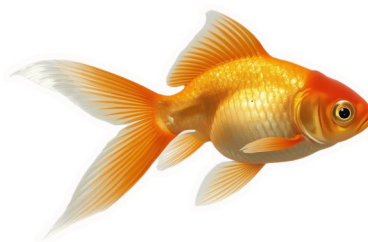
I have no eyelids, so I never blink.
I live in a bowl, not in the sink!

Clue 2

I'm orange and shiny, I swim round and round.
I open my mouth, but I don't make a sound.



Whose shadow?



Riddle 13

Goldfish!

Riddle 14 · Who am I?

My teeth keep growing my whole life long,
so crunchy hay keeps them short and strong.

Clue 2

When I'm happy, I jump and I twist in the air.
It's called a binky! I hop everywhere.



Whose shadow?



Riddle 14

Bunny!

(a rabbit)

Riddle 15 · Who am I?

I stuff my cheeks with seeds for later.
My cheeks are my pockets, my own refrigerator!

Clue 2

When you're asleep, I run on my wheel.
Nobody knows how busy I feel!



Whose shadow?



Riddle 15

Hamster!

Riddle 16 · Who am I?

I listen for mice under the snow,
then jump head first, and down I go!

Clue 2

My coat is red and my tail is a brush.
I borrow golf balls, then run off in a rush!



Whose shadow?



Riddle 16

Fox!

Riddle 17 · Who am I?

I turn my head almost all the way round,
and I fly through the night without a sound.

Clue 2

Who, who, who? That's the question I ask.
Staying up all night is my favorite task.



Whose shadow?



Riddle 17

Owl!

Riddle 18 · Who am I?

I eat and I eat until autumn is done,
then I sleep through the winter and miss all the fun!

Clue 2

Berries and nuts, and some honey, please!
I'm big and furry, and I climb up trees.



Whose shadow?



Riddle 18

Bear!

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fold

Riddle 19 · Who am I?

Each year I grow branches, but I'm not a tree.
They fall off in winter. Oh, poor me!

Clue 2

My babies have white spots and wobbly knees.
I'm quick and I'm quiet, I hide in the trees.



Whose shadow?

Riddle 19



Deer!

Riddle 20 · Who am I?

I live with my family, we call it a pack.
We go out together, and we all come back.

Clue 2

When the moon is full and the night is bright,
I lift up my nose and I howl with all my might.



Whose shadow?

Riddle 20



Wolf!

Riddle 21 · Who am I?

I bury my snacks in a hundred spots,
and I forget where I put quite a lot.

Clue 2

Some nuts I forget grow into trees,
so thank me for the forest, please!



Whose shadow?

Riddle 21



Squirrel!

Riddle 22 · Who am I?

When I'm scared, I don't run away.
I roll into a ball, and there I stay.

Clue 2

I have lots of spines, but I'm not a cactus, no!
I snuffle for snails wherever I go.



Whose shadow?

Riddle 22



Hedgehog!

Riddle 23 · Who am I?

Knock knock! Who's there? It's me on the tree.
I'm not at your door, so you don't need a key.

Clue 2

My tongue is so long, it wraps round my head,
and I drum on the trees until it's time for bed.



Whose shadow?

Riddle 23



Woodpecker!

Riddle 24 · Who am I?

I wear a black mask, but I'm not a thief...
well, maybe a little. I'll keep this brief.

Clue 2

My hands are so clever, I open your bin,
and my ringed tail waves as I climb right in!



Whose shadow?

Riddle 24



Raccoon!

fold

fold

Riddle 25 • Who am I?

I'm black with a white stripe, I'm fluffy and small,
but nobody comes near me. Nobody at all!

Clue 2

I stamp my feet first, as a warning to you.
Don't listen, and you'll smell me all week through!

Whose shadow?



Skunk!

Riddle 25

Riddle 26 • Who am I?

My teeth are as long as a banana, you see,
but my arms are so short, I can't scratch my knee.

Clue 2

I'm the king of the dinosaurs, everyone knows.
Now run, run, run, before I nibble your toes!

Whose shadow?



Tyrannosaurus rex!

Riddle 26

Riddle 27 • Who am I?

My head is as big as a small car, they say,
and T. rex and I lived in the very same day.

Clue 2

My name says it all: three horns on my face.
A young one like me went on a big egg chase!

Whose shadow?



Triceratops!

Riddle 27

Riddle 28 • Who am I?

My head is tiny, like a walnut, it's true,
but don't be fooled, I know what to do!

Clue 2

Big plates on my back and spikes on my tail.
I swing it at danger, and I never fail!

Whose shadow?



Stegosaurus!

Riddle 28

Riddle 29 • Who am I?

I eat from the treetops, I munch and I munch,
a hundred kilos of plants just for lunch!

Clue 2

My neck is so long, like a crane at the port,
and my front legs are long, but my back legs are short!

Whose shadow?



Brachiosaurus!

Riddle 29

Riddle 30 • Who am I?

I'm the size of a turkey, with feathers, it's true,
but I run much faster than most humans do!

Clue 2

A big curved claw on each of my feet.
I'm clever and quick when I'm looking for meat.

Whose shadow?



Velociraptor!

Riddle 30

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Riddle 31 · Who am I?

I'm covered in armor like a knight in a fight,
but I only eat plants, from morning till night.

Clue 2

My tail has a club like a big bony ball.
Swing! Bang! I'm the tank of them all!



Whose shadow?

**Ankylosaurus!**

Riddle 31

Riddle 32 · Who am I?

Bigger than T. rex? Yes, that's me!
I swim like a crocodile, happy and free.

Clue 2

A sail on my back like a ship at sea.
I snap up fish for breakfast and tea.



Whose shadow?

**Spinosaurus!**

Riddle 32

Riddle 33 · Who am I?

Two crests on my head, like a fancy hat.
Poison? Spitting? Oh no, I never did that!

Clue 2

My jaws were made for catching fish, you see,
but I was still a meat-eater. Who can I be?



Whose shadow?

**Dilophosaurus!**

Riddle 33

Riddle 34 · Who am I?

They called me Brontosaurus for years and years,
but we're two different dinosaurs, my dears!

Clue 2

I grew as long as two school buses, end to end,
with a tail like a whip. Will you be my friend?



Whose shadow?

**Apatosaurus!**

Riddle 34

Riddle 35 · Who am I?

Two horns on my head, like a bull, it's true,
and arms so short, I can't wave at you!

Clue 2

I was one of the fastest, as fast as can be,
and one single gulp was a dinner for me!



Whose shadow?

**Carnotaurus!**

Riddle 35

Riddle 36 · Who am I?

My wings were wider than a car, tip to tip.
I scooped up fish, but my beak had no teeth to grip!

Clue 2

Everyone calls me a dinosaur. Oh my!
I'm a flying reptile, the king of the sky!



Whose shadow?

**Pteranodon!**

Riddle 36

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fold

Riddle 37 • Who am I?

I'm bigger than a dinosaur, the biggest of all,
but my favorite food is tiny and small.

Clue 2

I breathe through a hole on the top of my head,
and I sing long songs in my deep ocean bed.



Whose shadow?

Riddle 37



Whale!
(the blue whale)

Riddle 38 • Who am I?

I lose my teeth, but I never feel sad.
New ones grow back, so it isn't so bad!

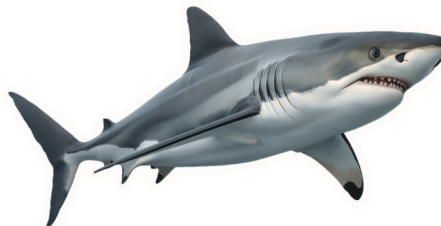
Clue 2

A fin on my back cuts through the sea.
Dun dun, dun dun... Can you guess? It's me!



Whose shadow?

Riddle 38



Shark!

Riddle 39 • Who am I?

My skeleton's outside, my armor is my shell,
and I wave my claws to say hi as well.

Clue 2

I don't walk forward, I don't walk back.
I walk sideways! Click clack, click clack!



Whose shadow?

Riddle 39



Crab!

Riddle 40 • Who am I?

I'm a bird, but I don't fly in the sky.
I fly underwater instead. Oh my!

Clue 2

I wear a tuxedo everywhere I go.
I waddle, then slide on my tummy in the snow.



Whose shadow?

Riddle 40



Penguin!

Riddle 41 • Who am I?

I have three hearts and my blood is blue.
I can change my color like magic. It's true!

Clue 2

Eight long arms, and I'm great at hide and seek.
I squirt dark ink if you try to peek!



Whose shadow?

Riddle 41



Octopus!

Riddle 42 • Who am I?

I sleep with one eye open, half of me awake,
so I never forget to breathe, for goodness' sake!

Clue 2

I click and I whistle, I leap through the spray.
I'm a mammal, not a fish, and I love to play!



Whose shadow?

Riddle 42



Dolphin!

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fold

Riddle 43 • Who am I?

If I lose an arm, don't worry for me.
I grow a new one, easy peasy, you see!

Clue 2

I'm shaped like a star, but I don't shine at night.
I cling to the rocks, and I hold on tight.



Whose shadow?



Sea star!

(many people call it a starfish)

Riddle 43

Riddle 44 • Who am I?

I'm a daddy who carries the babies inside,
in a pouch on my tummy, cozy and wide.

Clue 2

My head looks like a horse's, but I never neigh.
I hold on to seagrass with my tail all day.



Whose shadow?



Seahorse!

Riddle 44

Riddle 45 • Who am I?

I was born on a beach, then I ran to the sea,
and one day I'll come back where the sand
welcomed me.

Clue 2

My shell is my house, I never move out.
I'm slow on the sand, but I swim all about.



Whose shadow?



Sea turtle!

Riddle 45

Riddle 46 • Who am I?

No brain, no heart, and no bones at all.
I was here before the dinosaurs, before them all!

Clue 2

I'm wobbly like jelly, I drift with the tide.
Don't touch my long tentacles! They sting, so step
aside.



Whose shadow?



Jellyfish!

Riddle 46

Riddle 47 • Who am I?

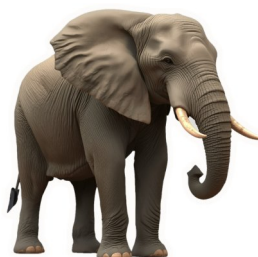
My nose is a hose, a hand and a straw,
the longest nose you ever saw!

Clue 2

I flap my big ears to cool down in the heat,
and the ground goes boom boom under my feet.



Whose shadow?



Elephant!

Riddle 47

Riddle 48 • Who am I?

My tongue is blue-black and as long as your arm,
and I hum in the night, very quiet and calm.

Clue 2

I'm the tallest animal, with a neck up so high,
I say good morning to the birds in the sky.



Whose shadow?



Giraffe!

Riddle 48

fold

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Riddle 49 • Who am I?

No two of us have the very same stripes,
like your fingerprints. We are all different types!

Clue 2

Am I white with black stripes, or black with white?
I look like a horse in pajamas at night!



Whose shadow?



Riddle 49

Zebra!

Riddle 50 • Who am I?

I nap most of the day, sixteen hours or more,
but five miles away, you can still hear my roar!

Clue 2

My golden mane looks just like a crown.
My family is called a pride. Please bow down!



Whose shadow?



Riddle 50

Lion!

Riddle 51 • Who am I?

I'm a big cat who loves water, it's true.
I swim in the river. Do you like swimming too?

Clue 2

I'm orange with black stripes, the biggest cat
around.

I walk through the jungle without a sound.



Whose shadow?



Riddle 51

Tiger!

Riddle 52 • Who am I?

I groom my friends and pick out their bugs.
That's how we say thank you, instead of hugs.

Clue 2

Ooh ooh, aah aah! I swing tree to tree,
and fruit, leaves and bugs are dinner for me.



Whose shadow?



Riddle 52

Monkey!

Riddle 53 • Who am I?

I'm so slow that green plants grow in my hair.
I hang upside down without a care.

Clue 2

I climb down from my tree just once a week,
to go to the toilet! Please, don't peek!



Whose shadow?



Riddle 53

Sloth!

Riddle 54 • Who am I?

My beak is so strong, it can crack a hard nut,
and I talk and I talk. I can't keep it shut!

Clue 2

Red, blue, yellow and green, I'm a rainbow in flight.
Say hello and I'll say it back. I'm polite!



Whose shadow?



Riddle 54

Parrot!

fold

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Riddle 55 • Who am I?

I've been around since the dinosaurs' day.
I float like a log and wait for my prey.

Clue 2

My snout is a V, and my teeth always show,
even with my mouth shut! Snap! Now go!

Whose shadow?

**Crocodile!**

Riddle 55

Riddle 56 • Who am I?

I make my own sunscreen, a red and pink goo,
and I stay in the river all day. Wouldn't you?

Clue 2

They call me a river horse, but I can't really swim!
I walk on the bottom. I'm grumpy, so don't come in!

Whose shadow?

**Hippo!**
(a hippopotamus)

Riddle 56

Riddle 57 • Who am I?

I'm red with black dots, like a tiny round shell,
and I eat the bugs that make gardens unwell.

Clue 2

Land on your hand? Make a wish, people say.
Then I open my wings, and I fly away.

Whose shadow?

**Ladybug!**

Riddle 57

Riddle 58 • Who am I?

I taste with my feet. Isn't that neat?
I land on a flower to find something sweet.

Clue 2

I was a caterpillar, hungry and small.
Now I have wings, the most colorful of all!

Whose shadow?

**Butterfly!**

Riddle 58

Riddle 59 • Who am I?

I can carry a leaf that weighs more than me.
Could you lift a car? No? I'm stronger, you see!

Clue 2

I live with my sisters, a million or more.
We march in a line to the picnic next door.

Whose shadow?

**Ant!**

Riddle 59

Riddle 60 • Who am I?

I'm not an insect, I have eight legs, not six,
and I make my own string for my building tricks.

Clue 2

I spin a web with the silk from inside,
then wait for a fly to come for a ride.

Whose shadow?

**Spider!**

Riddle 60

fold

fold

Riddle 61 · Who am I?

I have just one foot and I'm slow as can be.
When it's too dry outside, I nap for weeks, you see!

Clue 2

I carry my house on my back when I roam,
and leave a shiny trail on my way back home.

Whose shadow?



Riddle 61

Snail!



Riddle 62 · Who am I?

I dance a little wiggle to show friends the way
to the very best flowers. Let's go, hooray!

Clue 2

Buzz buzz! In my stripes of yellow and black,
I make your honey, and I always fly back.

Whose shadow?



Riddle 62

Bee!



Riddle 63 · Who am I?

I'm a beetle with a little lamp inside.
When the summer night comes, I don't need to
hide.

Clue 2

Blink blink! My tail lights up in the dark.
Don't keep me in a jar. Let me fly in the park!

Whose shadow?



Riddle 63

Firefly!

fold

Answers, and the clue explained

1. Sheep

2. Rooster

3. Horse

4. Cow A cow has one big stomach with four parts, and she brings her grass back up to chew it again.

5. Pig Pigs can barely sweat, so a mud bath is how they keep cool, and it works as sunscreen too.

6. Duck Ducks spread oil from a gland near their tail over their feathers, which makes them waterproof.

7. Donkey A donkey's coat isn't waterproof like a horse's, so donkeys need a roof when it rains.

8. Turkey The bare skin on a turkey's head changes color when it is excited or calm.

9. Goose Geese are so loud and brave that farmers have kept them as guards for thousands of years.

10. Llama Llamas spit mostly at other llamas, not at people. Some llamas even work as guards for sheep!

11. Cat A slow blink is a cat's smile. Slow-blink at a cat, and it will often blink back.

12. Dog Every dog's nose print is different, just like your fingerprint.

13. Goldfish Fish have no eyelids; the water keeps their eyes clean and wet.

14. Bunny (a rabbit) A rabbit's teeth never stop growing, so it needs hay to wear them down. The happy jump really is called a binky.

15. Hamster Hamsters have stretchy cheek pouches that reach back to their shoulders.

16. Fox Foxes hear mice moving under the snow and pounce on them nose first. The golf balls come from the fun facts in our book Forest Animals.

17. Owl Owls cannot move their eyes, so they turn their heads instead, up to three quarters of the way around.

18. Bear Bears eat mostly berries, nuts, roots and insects, and a mother bear has her tiny cubs in the winter den while she sleeps.

19. Deer A male deer grows new antlers every year and drops them every winter.

20. Wolf As the fun fact in our book Forest Animals says, wolves don't howl at the moon, but they howl more on bright nights.

21. Squirrel Squirrels forget many of the nuts they bury, and those nuts grow into new trees.

22. Hedgehog A hedgehog has thousands of spines. When it smells something new, it licks foam onto them, and scientists still don't know why!

23. Woodpecker When it's tucked away, a woodpecker's tongue wraps all the way around the back of its skull.

24. Raccoon Raccoons have very sensitive front paws that work almost like hands.

25. Skunk Before it sprays, a skunk stamps its feet and raises its tail to warn you.

26. Tyrannosaurus rex T. rex had about 60 teeth, and the biggest were up to 20 cm (8 inches) long, about the size of a banana.

27. Triceratops "Triceratops" means "three horned face". The egg chase is Spike's story in Dinosaurs Are Back.

28. Stegosaurus The tail spikes even have a nickname: the thagomizer.

29. Brachiosaurus Its name means "arm lizard", because its front legs were longer than its back legs. From Dinosaurs Are Back: it ate 100 to 400 kilograms of plants every day.

30. Velociraptor From Dinosaurs Are Back: small like a big turkey, but it could run up to 65 km (40 miles) per hour.

31. Ankylosaurus From Dinosaurs Are Back: armored like a knight and as powerful as a tank, with a club on its tail.

32. Spinosaurus From Dinosaurs Are Back: it grew up to 15 meters (49 feet) long, even bigger than T. rex.

33. Dilophosaurus From Dinosaurs Are Back: some people think it was poisonous, but there's no evidence for that. Its name means "two-crested lizard".

34. Apatosaurus From Dinosaurs Are Back: it grew up to 23 meters (75 feet) long, and Brontosaurus is a different dinosaur.

35. Carnotaurus Its name means "meat-eating bull". From Dinosaurs Are Back: it was one of the fastest dinosaurs, with remarkably short arms.

36. Pteranodon Surprise: Pteranodon was not a dinosaur. It was a pterosaur, a flying reptile that lived at the same time. Its name means "wing without tooth".

37. Whale (the blue whale) The blue whale is the biggest animal that has ever lived, and it eats tiny shrimp called krill.

38. Shark Some sharks go through thousands of teeth in a lifetime.

39. Crab A crab's legs bend sideways, so walking sideways is the quickest way to go.

40. Penguin Penguins "fly" underwater, using their wings like flippers.

41. Octopus Octopuses really have three hearts and blue blood.

42. Dolphin Dolphins rest one half of their brain at a time, so they can keep swimming up for air.

43. Sea star (many people call it a starfish) Sea stars can grow back lost arms, and they are not fish at all.

44. Seahorse In seahorse families, the dad carries the eggs until the babies hatch.

45. Sea turtle Mother sea turtles swim back to the beach where they hatched to lay their own eggs.

46. Jellyfish Jellyfish have lived in the oceans for more than 500 million years, long before the dinosaurs.

47. Elephant Baby elephants suck their trunks for comfort, the way children suck their thumbs.

48. Giraffe A giraffe's tongue is up to 50 cm (20 inches) long, and scientists have recorded giraffes humming at night.

49. Zebra Every zebra's stripes are different, like a fingerprint.

50. Lion Lions are the only cats that live in families, called prides, on the African savanna (not in the jungle!). A lion's roar carries about 8 km (5 miles).

51. Tiger Tigers live in Asia and love to swim. Their skin is striped too, not just their fur.

52. Monkey Grooming keeps monkeys clean, and it's how they make and keep friends.

53. Sloth Green algae grow in a sloth's fur and help it hide. It climbs down only about once a week, to poo. And it isn't lazy: leaves just give it very little energy.

54. Parrot Pet parrots can learn to copy words. And parrots have a favorite foot, just like you have a favorite hand!

55. Crocodile A crocodile's pointy snout shows its teeth even when its mouth is shut; an alligator's rounder snout hides them. And a mother crocodile carries her babies to the water, gently, in her mouth.

56. Hippo (a hippopotamus) Hippopotamus means "river horse". Hippos can't swim or float: they walk and bounce along the river bottom. Their red "sweat" is a sunscreen.

57. Ladybug One ladybug can eat thousands of aphids, the little bugs that hurt plants.

58. Butterfly Butterflies have taste sensors on their feet.

59. Ant Ants can carry things much heavier than themselves, and the ants you see marching are almost all sisters.

60. Spider Spiders have eight legs, so they are arachnids, not insects.

61. Snail In dry weather, snails seal themselves inside their shells and sleep until it rains.

62. Bee Honeybees do a "waggle dance" to tell the hive where the flowers are.

63. Firefly Fireflies are beetles, and they flash their lights to find each other.