

Forest animal riddles

✂️ --- cut fold

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fold

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?



Fox!

Riddle 16

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?



Owl!

Riddle 17

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.



Bear!

Riddle 18

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?



Deer!

Riddle 19

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?



Wolf!

Riddle 20

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?



Squirrel!

Riddle 21

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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!



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!



Riddle 25

Skunk!

fold

Answers, and the clue explained

- 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.