

Meet the Neighbors

Mr. Moose



- Weighs up to 1000 pounds and may be 7 feet tall at the shoulders (WHOA!)
- Can be seen most often at dawn or dusk
- Is saying "back away" if the hairs on his hump are raised, his ears are laid back, or he's licking his lips
- Sometimes runs up to 35 mph
- May stay underwater for 30 seconds while he swims

Madam Heron



- Only weighs 5 or 6 pounds (MUST BE THOSE HOLLOW BONES!)
- Flies almost as fast as Mr. Moose runs
- Has a wing span of $5\frac{1}{2}$ - 6 feet
- Wades and waits; then strikes like lightning
- Hunts by day and night (WOW! NIGHT VISION!)

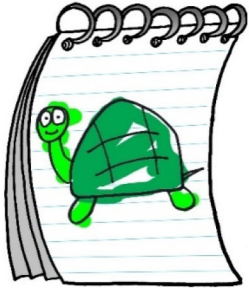
Lady Lily Pad



- Frogs hang out on her leaves
- In summer, her "shade" keeps fish cool
- Green on top and purple on the bottom (COOL COLORS!)
- Blossoms and hollow stems send air to her roots
- American Indians used her leaves for healing

Odie's Fun Facts

Sir Turtle



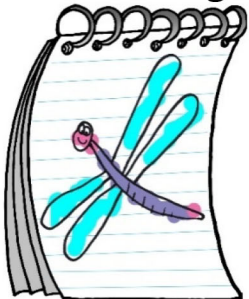
- Can stay underwater for 3 hours
- Hibernates by digging into mud and leaves
- Can live 40 years (NOW THAT'S CRUSTY!)
- Wiggly-wormy growth on his tongue helps turtle SNAP fish into his jaws (PRETTY SNEAKY!)
- If you see him on land, leave him alone

Mr. & Mrs. Loon



- Tremolo, wail, yodel and hoot: the 4 coolest calls ever heard on a lake (I WONDER WHAT EACH ONE MEANS!)
- So graceful in water; so clumsy on land
- Usually hang out in pairs, but once there were 6 on the lake (WEIRD and FUN!)
- Nesting platforms help Mom and Dad protect their eggs and chicks (GIVE THEM THEIR SPACE!)

Dame Dragonfly



- She eats on the "fly;" looks like a helicopter darting up and down
- Dragonfly dinner specials: fried mosquitoes (HA!)
- Has been around for 30 million years
- Big, buggy eyes give her amazing vision

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