



Discover weird wildlife with MDC's new **Strange but True** guidebook

New guidebook offers weird and wacky fun facts about native Missouri wildlife.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and insects of Missouri are diverse, remarkable, and sometimes just plain strange. From the American beaver, whose teeth are chainsaw-sharp and never stop growing, to box turtles, who partially freeze over the winter and still survive, it's a weird, wild world out there. You can now learn more with the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) new book, *Strange but True*.

Adapted from the pages of MDC's award-winning children's magazine *Xplor*, *Strange but True* is a 136-page, full-color book that offers more than 350 fun facts about Missouri wildlife at its strangest. Written by *Xplor* editor Matt Seek and illustrated by nature artist Mark Raithel, *Strange but True* is your guide to all the unusual, unique, and unbelievable stuff that goes on in nature.

The guidebook is now available for purchase for \$8.95 online at mdcnatureshop.com or at MDC nature centers around the state. Get information on MDC nature centers at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/nature-centers>.

Whether you're a kid or a kid at heart, the *Strange but True* guidebook will have you laughing, scratching your head, and learning new fun information about Missouri's native wildlife.

PHOTO: Missouri's wildlife can really leave you scratching your head! Learn weird and wacky fun facts about native creatures in MDC's new *Strange but True* guidebook now available for \$8.95 at MDC nature centers around the state.

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