

Watch and Listen...

Look around you. You are surrounded by different homes to animals (habitats). Animals seek refuge (shelter) in riparian areas, wetlands, shrub lands, lava fields, pasture and croplands. Some animals migrate (travel) to different habitats depending on the season. For example, waterfowl migrate to riparian areas and wetlands at Deer Parks Wildlife Mitigation Unit in late winter and early spring. Deer, skunk and porcupine live all year long on and around Menan Buttes.

see some animals!

Elk (*Cervus elaphus*)

The elk is the second largest species of deer in the world and one of the largest mammals in North America and eastern Asia, only the moose is larger.

Elk range in forest and forest-edge habitat and must eat and watch for predators at the same time. They fulfill these double needs by gathering in herds. In a group, at least one animal is looking up while others are eating. Even the animals that are feeding are constantly twitching and turning their ears to listen for unusual or warning sounds.

