

Rhyming Riddles Scavenger Hunt for the book

Mother Earth - Boreal Beauty of the Peace Country

1. My Cree name is "maskwa." In the Beaver language, I'm "sas." The French call me "ours noir." Do you know what I am? (p.242-249) _____
2. I have wings, but I'm not a bird. I'm not a butterfly, and I'm not a bee. My babies are called flying pups, for I am a mammal, you see! What am I? (p. 214)

3. I have legs of eight, my famous trait. I can jump for you! Would you like to take my photo too? What is the name of our eight-legged, eight-eyed friend? (p. 157)

4. I have hooves, antlers and ears, but I'm not a moose, and I'm not a deer. My French name is Wapiti. I'm calling. Can you hear me? (p.226)

5. These birds call all year long from the trees, cheering our hearts with a "Chickadee-dee." One has a black cap; the other has brown. What two kinds of birds make this sound? (p.103-105) _____

6. I am painted orange and yellow; my green leaves rise up below my petals. A botanical painting by Marsha Hayward reveals a flower whose name has three words. Please don't pick me! I'm a rare beauty! What's my name? (p.83)

7. You'll see me in Spring; purple fuzzy flowers I bring. Even in the snow, I will pop out and grow! What kind of flower am I? (p. 56-59 and 84)

8. I am an owl who is active in the day. I come from the land of the midnight sun.
'Twas on the tundra I used to play in the summer; but it's winter, so here I come!
(p.191, 193-195) _____

9. In the Beaver language, my name means “Bush Cat.” I’m smaller than a cougar but bigger than a house cat. I was a kitten, but we kittens grow, and develop big paws for walking on snow. What kind of cool cat am I? (p.234) _____
10. Some of us are grey and some of us are black. We howl, hunt, and hang out as a pack. How many Grey Wolves can you see camouflaged amongst the coniferous trees? (p. 236-238)

11. I can dance beautifully, but I don’t have legs. How can that be? (p.268-279)
What am I? _____
What does my name mean in Cree? _____
12. If a baby goose is a gosling, is a baby moose a mosling? If not, then what? (p. 218)

13. Juicy and sweet, what a treat! White blossoms produce wild berries to eat!
In the Beaver language, my name means “little heart.” What kind of berry am I? (page 44)

14. I am a symbol of promise and hope. My name in the Beaver language means _____ . (p.265, 2nd Edition)
15. I have eyes of black and yellow; I am a feathery handsome fellow. Don’t be shocked I look surprised; I am little, with big, curious eyes! What species of owl am I? (See page 196.)

16. I used to be called a Whiskey Jack, but now I’m a Jay. I’m your national bird. Have you heard my new name? (p.186) _____
17. The Peace Country = the Peace River Watershed. Let’s see how big it is.
The mighty Peace River starts out small in BC, but as it flows, it grows, you see!
Add the Smoky River with the Wapiti, the Notikewin, Wabasca, and their tributaries.
Follow it north like an eagle flying free. Hear the roar of a waterfall as wide as you can see.
What’s the widest waterfall in North America? (See pages 259-262.)

18. I'm wild and prickly, pink, and free, and with my seed pods (p.41) you can make tea.
(p.60-61) What am I? _____
19. I am herbivorous, which means I eat plants. I'm a big quadruped with hooves, not hands.
My French name is bison des bois, and I roam free in the Chinchaga.
see p.216-217) _____
20. I'm a short-tailed weasel, and some call me vermin,
But my winter coat is white, and then my name is _____ (p. 209)
21. My name makes me sound like I belong on a horse,
but I grow on the ground. I'm a mushroom, of course!
Can you guess my name? _____ (p. 15)
22. I may look like northern lights, but do not be deceived;
I'm an intriguing arc in the sky, and my new name is _____ (p.275)
23. We are vegetarian hydro engineers with a pool in our back yard.
The water attracts wildlife like ducks, moose, and deer.
The importance of our work is abundantly clear -
to keep water on the landscape year after year, as a team we work very hard.
What five-fingered friend with a toothy grin is this? (p.212-213) _____
24. I am the antlered ungulate featured on your 25 cent piece.
Rudolf is my relative; don't tease him about his nose, please!
What species am I? (p.229-231) _____
What is an ungulate? (p. 216) _____
How many species of ungulates do we have within the Peace Country (i.e., the Peace River Watershed)? _____
25. The author who created the *Mother Earth* book takes pictures from way up high!
How does she get there? Does she have wings?
Does she know how to fly? (p.128-137, 281)

26. There are over 1,200 photos in the *Mother Earth* book. How many photographers? Did you look? (See the cover plus pages 142-145.) _____