

Anaclann Éan Fian Loch Garman
Wexford Wildfowl Reserve



Can you guess the names
of these native
Irish Mammals? *

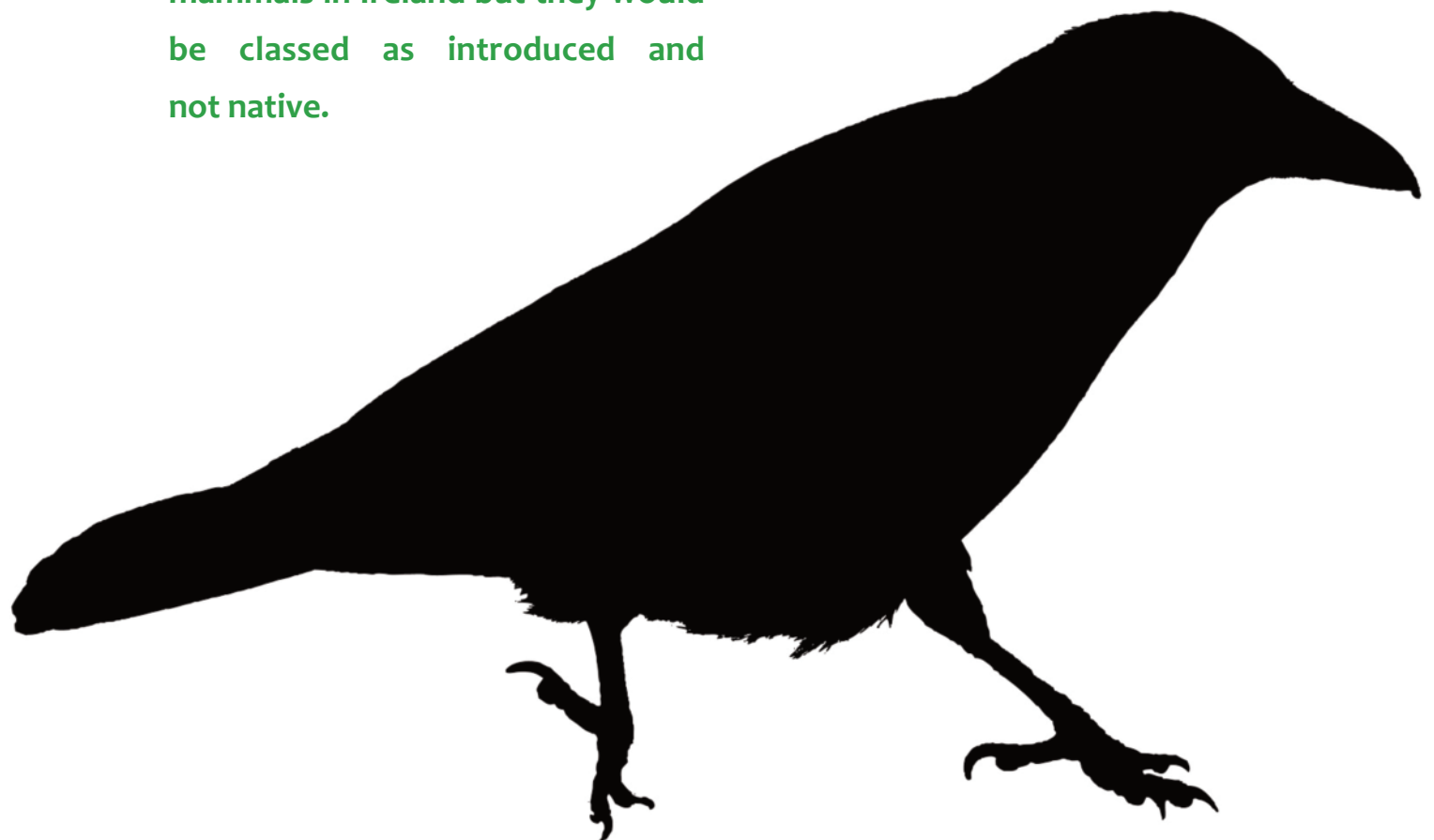
* a giraffe is not a
native irish mammal!

First of all
what is a mammal?
and
what does native mean?

There are 3 things that make a mammal different to other animals.

1. It gives birth to live young (so it doesn't lay eggs) and it can feed its offspring with milk it produces.
2. It is a warm blooded vertebrate (meaning it has a backbone).
3. It has hair or fur.

Native in this sense means that the animal was already in Ireland before the year 1500. There are other mammals in Ireland but they would be classed as introduced and not native.



1. A black and white creature, solid as a rock,
sometimes also known as Broc

B _ _ _ _ _

2. With a big bushy tail, and quick up a tree,
to see one of these, you'd be very lucky!

R _ _ **S** _ _ _ _ _

3. The smallest mammal in the land,
one could easily fit in your hand.

P _ _ _ _ **S** _ _ _ _

4. It sounds like a bird, or maybe a tree,
they're really good climbers and very fluffy.

P _ _ _ **M** _ _ _ _ _

5. The only mammal here to be seen in the sea,
can be found in the ocean, the Liffey or Lee.

O _ _ _ _ _

6. On grass, heather and plants they are fed,
their name sounds like what grows on your head!

I _ _ _ _ **H** _ _ _ _

7. Insects are the food of choice for this ball of spikes, caterpillars and worms are what he likes.

H _ _ _ _ _

8. With a long, full tail and a dog like face, this mammal is seen in many a place.

F _ _

9. Our largest mammal can be seen all year, but if you spot one, please stay clear.

R _ _ **D** _ _ _

10. This little creature is nimble and fast, by the time you see it, it's already past!

W _ _ _ **M** _ _ _ _

11. Our only mammal that can fly, you may see it if you look up high.

H _ _ _ _ _ **B** _ _

12. Grazing on grass, leaves and trees, we've already named a different type of these.

F _ _ _ _ _ **D** _ _ _