

CPD Nature Notes

December 2010

Dec 6

Three Saw-whet Owls were banded at Lowe-Volk Park in early November. The Shaw-whet owl is tiny. Its average size is between 7 to 9 inches tall. The Saw-whet owl is very secretive, but if spotted can be approached closely observed as they are incredibly tame.

Dec 13

Groundhogs, also known as woodchucks, are one of Ohio's true hibernators. During a groundhog's hibernation - which lasts an average of five months - its body temperature lowers by almost half and its heart slows down from 160 to four beats per minute.

Dec 20

A **frugivore** is a fruit eater. It can be any type of herbivore or omnivore where fruit is a preferred food type. Because approximately 20% of all mammalian herbivores also eat fruit, frugivory is considered to be common among mammals.

Dec 27

As the new year approaches, many consider making special resolutions that usually refocus on common goals. Don't forget the importance of caring for the earth and the resources it provides all life. Can you do more to protect mother earth?