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FIELD NOTES

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Elk

CERVIDAE (DEER FAMILY)

HABITAT & DIET

Elk live in many different habitats across the United States and Canada. They like the mountainous west, forests, and meadows. At one time, they roamed across North America. Their habitat is now smaller. They are herbivores, eating only plants, and prefer areas with lots of vegetation to eat and water.

FUN FACTS

“Wapiti” is the Native American word for elk, meaning “white rump,” after an elk’s light-colored fur on their rump. Male elk shed and regrow antlers every year.



IS THERE A SPECIAL SOUND THAT BRINGS TO YOUR MIND A MEMORY?

My family visited Rocky Mountain National Park for a hike and campfire two nights ago. This time of year, we visit the park every week or so to hear a unique sound: elk bugles. In the fall, male elk make a loud bugle sound to attract mates and establish dominance. Have you ever heard an elk bugle? With permission, scan this QR code to listen to this special noise.



We have a family tradition of having dinner in Rocky Mountain National Park to listen to the elk bugles echoing across the meadows. This sound holds many great memories for our family of soup picnics, chilly fall hikes, and camping trips. Do you have a special sound that reminds you of fun adventures in nature? Maybe birds singing? Or ocean waves lapping on the shore? Or crickets chirping in the evening? Or a campfire crackling on a camping trip? God designed our brains very carefully, including the parts of our brains that tell us what we are hearing and hold special memories. Those two parts of our brains can work together so that special sounds can bring back wonderful memories.

Sounds and music can also help us memorize things like the Scriptures in God’s Word. Colossians 3:16 says, “Let the teaching of Christ live in you richly. Use all wisdom to teach and instruct each other by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

Did you catch how this verse connects the idea of having God’s truth inside us and singing songs? Have you ever sung songs about the Bible or used music to memorize a verse? Find some music that shares Bible verses and practice using God’s designs of sound, hearing, and memory to memorize His Word.

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