

Lenape Names of Non-Native Animals

These are the names of non-native animals known to the Lenape or Delaware Indians. In the first column are links in blue that can be clicked to take you to the Lenape Talking Dictionary (www.talk-lenape.org) where you hear the Lenape name. In some cases the name is borrowed from English but is changed a bit, and in other cases it describes the animal. The middle column contains a photo of the animal. In the third column is the literal translation or comments on the Lenape name.

puhòkas https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8908		camel “one who is humpbacked”
èlèpèn https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=1103		elephant
xinkwi monkis https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=15016		gorilla “big monkey”
winkeòhkwèt https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11194		African lion “one who likes meat” <i>This descriptive name is also used for a Raven.</i>

monkis https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=12767		monkey
xinkwi opsit màxkw https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=14635		polar bear "big white bear"
mamalsit nehënaonkès https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=15452		zebra "striped horse"

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