

Conservation

Fun Outdoors!

Want to see the International Space Station pass over Oklahoma? Look to the southwest just before 10 p.m. CDT March 15. You should watch for the "bright star" moving northeast. ISS should be overhead about 10:04 p.m. then fade out as it approaches the Big Dipper low in the northeast. Bonus: Mars will be almost straight up, and Venus will be setting low in the west.

Hunting Tip

There's still a few days left to go rabbit hunting in Oklahoma; that season closes March 15. Youth spring turkey season will be April 8-9.

Fishing Tip

Get ready for spring fishing by organizing your tackle box! It can make for a more enjoyable day on the water. Here are a few tips: Use clear compartment boxes to store and organize terminal tackle such as lures, hooks, and sinkers; sort tackle by type such as topwaters, spoons, crankbaits, etc.; preserve soft plastic baits in the bags they came in; avoid mixing colors or placing soft baits with hard baits as the chemicals can cause damage and the colors can bleed; put pliers, line-cutters, and de-hookers in an easy-to-reach external pouch.

for Kids!

Word Search: Oklahoma Native Fish

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Find and circle the names of these fish that are native to Oklahoma.

American Eel
Buffalo
Largemouth Bass
River Redhorse

Bluegill
Catfish
Longnose Gar
River Shiner

Bowfin
Drum
Redspot Darter
White Bass

COOL FACTS About the Red Fox:

- Red foxes have a reddish coat and bushy, white-tipped tail.
- Small rodents and rabbits make up most of their diet.
- Their size is like that of a small dog, with body and tail totaling about 3 feet long.
- They typically weigh 10-15 pounds.
- They are considered the most widely distributed carnivore in the world.
- They are highly adaptable and able to survive in semi-arid habitats, tundra, farmland, forests, and even in urban settings.
- They can live about eight years in the wild.
- They can chase prey at speeds around 30 mph and can maintain a gallop for long periods.
- They are among the most common spreaders of rabies and carry other diseases such as canine parvovirus and canine distemper.
- Their native range was originally only the northern United States and Canada.
- In the 1700s, Europeans brought red foxes to America and released them, after which they spread throughout the entire country.
- Red foxes in Oklahoma will breed from December to April.
- A female fox, or vixen, will prepare a den underground and will have a typical litter of three to six pups.
- Pups are born with dark gray fur, which turns to red after about three months.



Color a Critter: Red Fox

