

Growing Up on the Derry Farm

Robert Frost's oldest daughter, Lesley, kept a journal when she was a child growing up on their farm. She wrote about her adventures, and the many animal, birds, and plants she saw.

These are some of the animals in the fields and woods in Derry. If you click on the animal's name below, you can print a page to color.



[Squirrel](#)



[Raccoon](#)



[Deer](#)

One summer Lesley wrote a letter to a woodchuck that said:

“Dear Woodchuck,

We have talked a lot about the things you have done this summer. I have seen you many a time, but I suppose you do not remember. Once I scared you like everything, but you frightened me just about as much as I did you. I have seen you run up the paths and dodge into your hole under the peach tree where you steal peaches like a little fox.”

She later imagined what the hole was like: “The house inside, probably, is very warm and cozy, for there are no cracks to let in air like in a real house, and I should think the little ones would smother in summer. I would like to live in one if it were not for that smothering, and then the smell of dirt all around you would make you go crazy and perhaps die after a while.”

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