

Trivia Answers for June 1



1. The following amphibians are found in Yukon:
 - a. Wood Frog, Western Toad, Pacific Tree Frog, Tailed Frog
 - b. Boreal Chorus Frog, Wood Frog, Columbia Spotted Frog, Western Toad
 - c. Western Toad, Wood Frog, Bullfrog, Boreal Chorus Frog
 - d. Columbia Spotted Frog, Wood Frog, Tailed Frog, Western Toad

All four species of these species of frog have been document in Yukon, but unless you are in the extreme southern Yukon, you'll mostly likely only ever see a Wood Frog.

2. The largest rodent in Yukon is:
 - a. North American Porcupine
 - b. Common Muskrat
 - c. Bushy-tailed Woodrat
 - d. American Beaver

The American Beaver is Yukon's largest rodent, and the second largest rodent in the world. The porcupine is third.

3. The fastest bird in Yukon can reach speeds of more than 350 km per hour. This bird is:
 - a. Golden Eagle
 - b. Long-tailed Jaeger
 - c. Gyrfalcon
 - d. Peregrine Falcon

Peregrine Falcons specialise in hunting other birds, particularly waterbirds. To reach this speed they drop in on prey by folding their wings back and diving to the ground, a technique called 'stooping.'

4. The heaviest owl species in Yukon is:

- a. Snowy Owl
- b. Great-horned Owl
- c. Great Gray Owl
- d. Short-eared Owl

'Heavy' is a relative term. On average they weigh between 1600-2950g, which is only slightly more than a Great Horned Owl at 910-2500g. The added weight is necessary to carry all those letters to Hogwarts.

5. This animal can hold its breath underwater for around 8 minutes:

- a. Yellow-billed Loon
- b. Northern River Otter
- c. Greater Scaup
- d. Moose

So there.

6. A Moose can reach speeds of _____ when running:

- a. 51 km/hour
- b. 54 km/hour
- c. 56 km/hour
- d. 62 km/hour

To put that in perspective, the average horse galloping speed is 40-48 km/hr.

7. This fish was accidentally introduced into two pothole lakes in the 1970's:

- a. Threespine Stickleback
- b. Goldfish
- c. Arctic Char
- d. Rainbow Trout

But you probably knew that from reading the [Yukon fishes brochure](#) (It's on pg. 31)

8. Which animal is not part of the rodent family:

- a. Northwestern Deermouse
- b. Northern Flying Squirrel
- c. Collared Pika
- d. Nearctic Collared Lemming

It might look like a type of mouse but it's actually a lagomorph, part of the 'rabbit' family.

9. Grizzly Bears start breeding at:

- a. 2 years old
- b. 4 years old
- c. 6 years old
- d. 8 years old

Grizzly Bears can start breeding a range of ages depending on factors like habitat and food sources. On average, they are about 8 years old before they are successful at breeding.

10. What is the largest caribou herd in Yukon:

- a. Hart River herd
- b. Southern Lakes herd
- c. Porcupine herd
- d. Forty Mile herd

The 2017 census showed there are about 218,000 animals in the herd, a conservation success story.

