

Vocabulary for Animals, Birds, Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles, Trees and Bushes¹

À Animals

adik caribou (reindeer) -**wag**
agongos chipmunk; Scandinavian -**ag**
ajidamoo squirrel; red squirrel -**g**
akakojiish woodchuck -**ag**; also: **agakojiish** -**ag**
amik beaver -**wag**
animosh dog -**ag**
awakaan domestic animal -**ag**
awesiinh animal -**yag**
ayaabe buck (moose, deer) -**g**
bami'aagaans a pet -**ag**
bapakwaanaajinh bat -**yag**; also: **apakwaanaajinh** -**yag**
bebezhigooganzhii horse -**g**; (**n**)**inday** my horse; my dog
bekwaawigang camel -**ig**
bizhiki cow (orig. buffalo) -**wag**
bizhiw lynx -**ag**
doonoo bull -**g**
esiban raccoon -**ag**
gaag porcupine -**wag**
gaazhagens cat -**ag**
gichi-gidagaa-bizhiw leopard -**ag**
gidagaa-bizhiw bobcat -**ag**
gidagaakoons fawn (spotted) -**ag**
giyosewasim hunting dog -**oog**
gishkishenh female dog -**yag**
gookoosh pig -**ag**
gwiingwa'aage wolverine -**g**
jejiibajikii elephant -**g**
maanidikoshens goat -**ag**
maanishtaanish sheep -**ag**
ma'iingan wolf -**ag**
makade-waagosh blackfox -**ag**

makwa bear -**g**
manidoo-waaboos cottontail rabbit -**oog**
memaangishens mule -**ag**
memookiwidoo pocket gopher -**g**; also:
memookiwidoosi -**wag**
misaaboos jackrabbit -**oog**
misagakojiish badger -**ag**
misajidamoo grey squirrel -**g**
mishibizhii lion -**g**
mooz moose -**oog**
nandookomeshiinh monkey -**yag**
nenapaajinikesi mole -**wag**
nigig otter -**wag**
odaabii'aagan draft animal -**ag**
ojiig fisher or -**wag** -**ag**
omashkooz elk -**oog**
oniijaani doe -**wag**
waabizheshi marten -**wag**
waaboos rabbit; snowshoe hare -**oog**
waagosh fox -**ag**
waawaabiganoojiinh mouse -**yag**
waawaashkeshi deer -**wag**
wazhashk muskrat -**wag**
zhaangweshi mink -**wag**
zhagashkaandawe flying squirrel -**g**
zhigaag skunk -**wag**
zhingos weasel -**ag**

À Birds

aagask prairie chicken -**wag**
aajigade coot; mud hen -**g**
aandeg crow -**wag**
ajijaak crane (sandhill) -**wag**
anaamisagadaweshiinh wren -**yag**

animikii Thunderbird; Thunderer -g
asiginaak blackbird -wag
baaka'aakwenh chicken -yag
bine partridge -wag
bineshiinh small bird -yag
binesi large bird; Thunderbird -wag
diindiisi bluejay -wag
gaakaabishiinh screech owl -yag
gayaashk sea gull -wag
gekek hawk -wag
gijigaaneshiinh chickadee -yag
giniw golden eagle -ag
gookooko'oo owl -g
ininishib mallard -ag
maang loon -wag
makadeshib blackduck -ag
manoominikeshiinh rice bird (duck) -yag
mayagi-bine pheasant -wag
meme red-headed woodpecker -g
migizi bald eagle -wag
miskobineshiinh cardinal; red bird -yag
mizise turkey -g
mooningwane yellow-shafted flicker -g
mooshka'osi bittern (shypoke) -wag
naabese male bird; cock -g
nenookaasi hummingbird –wag; also : **nenookaasiins**
 -ag
omiimii dove; pigeon -g
opichi robin -wag
waabizii swan -g
zhiishiib duck -ag
À Fish
adikameg whitefish -wag
agwadaashi panfish; sunfish –wag; also: **agwadaashiins**
 -ag

asaawe perch also -g; **asaawens** -ag
ashigan largemouth bass -ag
es clam -ag
giigoonh fish -yag
giigoonzens minnow -ag; also: **giigoonshens** -ag
ginoozhe northern pike -g
maanashigan sheephead (fish) -ag
maashkinoozhe muskie, -g; also: **maaskinoozhe** -g
miskwaazhigwaneshi red-horse (fish) -wag; also:
meskwaazhigwaneshi -wag
mizay eelpout; burbot; ling -ag
name sturgeon -wag
namebin sucker(fish) -ag
odoonibii tullibee –g; also: **odoonibiins** -ag
odoonibiins tullibee –ag; also: **odoonibii** -g
ogaa walleye -wag
onaga'eboyenh lamprey -yag
zhigwameg dogfish -wag
À Insects and Spiders
aamoo bee -g
asabikeshiinh spider -yag
babig flea -wag
bapakine grasshopper -g
bingoshens gnat -ag
enigoons ant
ezigaa woodtick -g
ikwa louse -g
manidoons little spirit; insect -ag
memengwaa butterfly -g
moose worm -g
obiimiskodisii snail -g
ojii fly (insect) -g; also **ojiins** -ag
waawaatesi firefly -wag
zagaskwaajime leech -g
zagime mosquito -g

À Reptiles and Amphibians

boodoonh tadpole -yag

ginebig snake -oog

mikinaak snapping turtle -wag

mishiikenh turtle -yag

miskwaadesi turtle -wag

newe bullsnake -g

obiigomakakii toad -g

okaadiginebig skink -oog

omakakii frog -g

zhiishiigwe rattlesnake -g

À Trees and Bushes

aagimaak black ash (ash with light bark and dark wood)
-wag

aniib elm -iig

aniibiiminagaawanzh cranberry bush (high bush) -iig

aniibii-mitigwaabaak rock elm -oog

apakwanagemag Norway pine -oog

asaweminagaawanzh chokecherry bush -iig

azaadi poplar -wag

baapaagimaak white ash (ash with dark bark and light
wood) -wag

bagaaniminzh hazelnut bush -iig

bageaanaatig plum tree -oog

bageaaniminagaawanzh plum bush -iig

bawa'iminagaawanzh pincherry bush -iig

gaawaandag white spruce -oog

giizhik white cedar -ag

gozigwaakominagaawanzh juneberry bush -iig

ininaatig (sugar) maple tree -oog

maananoons ironwood -ag

maanazaadi Balsam poplar; Balm of Gilead -wag

makominagaawanzh mountain ash tree -iig; also:
makominzh -iig

mashkiigiminagaawanzh cranberry bush (lowbush) -iig

mashkiigwaatig tamarack -oog

mazaanaatig thistle -oog

miinagaawanzh blueberry plant -iig

mishiiminaatig apple tree -oog

miskwaabiiminzh red osier (dogwood) -iig

miskwaawaak red cedar -oog

mitig tree -oog

mitigominzh oak tree -iig

mitigwaabaak hickory -oog

odatagaagominagaawanzh blackberry bush -iig

ookweninagaawanzh black cherry bush -iig

ozhaashigob slippery elm -iig

ozisogobimizh willow -iig

wadoop speckled alder (tag alder) -iig

wakikaandag jack pine -oog; also: **okikaandag** -oog

wiigobaatig basswood tree -oog; also : **wiigobiminzh**
-iig

wiigwaasi-mitig white birch tree -oog

wiinizik yellow birch -oog

zhaaboominagaawanzh gooseberry bush -iig

zhingob balsam fir -iig

zhingwaak white pine -wag

ⁱ This vocabulary is from Nichols and Nyholm 1995, A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe.