

## Critters on the Trail

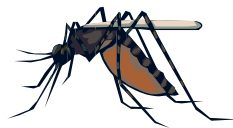
Many travelers along the Santa Fe Trail wrote about the wide variety of animals and insects they encountered as they journeyed across the prairie. Below are four excerpts from some of these travelers. Read the quote and then find the picture of the critter they are describing.

1. *Gorging and growling o'er carcass and limb; They were too busy to bark at him...*—Alphonso Wetmore, 1831
2. *He is of the rodentia family, has the head, jaws and teeth, nails and body of a squirrel; sits up on his haunches as the squirrel does. . .His bark is not a bark, but more like the chirrup of a bird...* James Meline, a soldier, 1866
3. *...always graze against the wind...for they instantly stop feeding, and the entire band will whirl around to face it, with big round ears standing straight up...*Francis Roe, Army wife, 1872
4. *This hungry, bloody little creatures [sic] – They've no respect for limbs or features. And with their pointed needle noses, They bite us in our evening dozes...*Matt Field, 1839



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