

### Flying Fox

### DID YOU KNOW?

**A** red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) barks like a dog and pounces like a cat.

Members of the canid or dog family, foxes are solitary hunters with an amazingly keen sense of hearing. They are able to hear the low-frequency sounds of rustling brush as far as 150 feet away.

Although they are omnivores and will eat most anything, their favorite prey is mice. A fox will hear and stalk its prey, then leap—flying through the air—and land with its front paws pinning the mouse.



### GET OUTDOORS!

**H**ow do the animals in your yard and neighborhood hunt for food? Can you see squirrels digging for nuts? Birds pecking for worms? Lizards stalking insects? Spiders standing still and waiting? Note what you see.

Play Flying Fox! Mark a line. Players, in turn, run to the line, then leap into the air. Mark the place where you land. How far can you jump and fly through the air? Who can jump the farthest?

*What's that I hear? A mouse is near!  
I'll stalk my prey until I'm clear  
For taking flight and leaping high—  
That little mouse can say goodbye!*

