Be an at-home naturalist! Discover and explore the outdoors with our Critter Cards.

**LOOK 🎥**

Eastern Chipmunks are ground-dwelling rodents that are about one-third the size of a gray squirrel. Look for them scampering about in areas with plenty of ground cover, including logs, stumps, shrubs, and rocks.

**LISTEN 🎧**

Chipmunks use "chips" and trilling alarm calls to communicate. Females also have a mating call that many people mistake for a bird.

**TRY IT!**

Take turns with a friend pretending one of you is a chipmunk and one is a predator. Scatter "nuts" around your yard and race to gather them. Create a make-shift hiding spot as a "burrow" and escape like a chipmunk!

**What’s on the menu?**

Chipmunks are omnivores who feed on nuts, seeds, fruit, and insects. They can hold up to six dozen seeds in their cheek pouches and can gather as many as 165 acorns in a day!

**ACTION!**

Chipmunks are active by day, or diurnal. Like bears, they spend the winter in a state of torpor—their body temperature and heartbeat decrease. They wake to feed on stored food every few days.

**Home Sweet Home**

Chipmunks dig two types of burrows. As they forage, they seek refuge from predators in a shallow burrow. They store food and spend the winter in a deeper and more complex burrow.