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Wildlife in the City: Urban Survivors

Some animals can live in cities as easily as they do in the wild. These animals have special skills that help them survive among people, tall buildings, and (1)..... streets. Let's learn about a few urban survivors!

Sparrows are small birds that have lived in cities for hundreds of years. They build their (2)..... in walls, roofs, and trees in parks. Sparrows eat crumbs, seeds, and insects they find near people. Sparrows can live almost anywhere, from small towns to (3)..... cities, as long as there is food and a place to nest.

Crows are very smart birds that thrive in cities. They use their intelligence to find food in (4)..... bins or even by watching people. Crows sometimes drop nuts onto roads so cars can crack them open! They are the masters of problem-solving – they can remember faces and even learn from each other.

Pigeons are often called "*city birds*." They are excellent flyers and can find their way (5)..... from very far away. Pigeons eat almost anything, from bread to seeds. What makes them special? They have amazing navigation skills and can remember the layout of a city.

Rats are experts at living in cities. They can squeeze through tiny (6)....., climb walls, and swim through pipes. Rats eat food scraps and live in sewers, basements, or hidden corners. Their superpower is their ability to adapt to almost any environment, making them hard to get rid of.

Raccoons are another city survivor. These animals are great climbers and have very smart paws. They can open trash cans and doors to find (7)..... Raccoons often (8)..... in attics, sheds, or under porches. Their success lies in their clever hands, which work almost like human fingers!

Even **foxes** have started to live in cities. Urban foxes hunt rats and pigeons, and eat leftovers from trash bins. They are great at hiding and can make their homes in (9)..... or empty spaces. They are well-suited for city life because they can stay calm around people and find food anywhere.

These animals show how clever and adaptable nature can be. While (10)..... animals avoid people, these creatures have found a way to make cities their home!

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parks, home, food, meet, nests, noisy, some, holes, trash, huge, live