

Teachings from Nature

Animals

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In Cree stories, **māmawi-okâwîmâw** was covered in water until a brave **wacask** dove deep into the **kihcikamiy** and created Turtle Island. Fossils show that the **paskwâw** where we live now have been covered in shallow inland seas many times over hundreds of millions of years.



Can you
find fossils
in the
Tyndall
Stone?



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Can you find the museum salamanders?



ayîkidak ê-nikamowin! The frogs are singing and spring has arrived. Frogs and salamanders spend winter in a sleep-like state buried in hidden and protected places before they wake up in the spring. The month of May is called **ayîki-pîsim** which means frog moon.



Can you find the five museum horse skeletons?

mistatim means big dog and it is the Cree word for horse. A long time ago, the Earth cooled and forests became prairies. Mistatim's **mîpita** got bigger to chew the rough grasses of the **maskotêw**. Horses have been integral to the livelihoods of Indigenous peoples and we honour this beautiful relationship.