



Strawberry

Lenape: [wtehim](#)

I am a strawberry plant. The Lenape named the June full moon after the wild strawberry that grows on Lenapehoking: the “Strawberry Moon”. My small, white flowers get pollinated by honeybees, butterflies, and ladybugs. My red fruits sometimes get nibbled on by squirrels. Earthworms dig holes in the soil so water can get to my roots.



Earthworm

Lenape: [hupèxkok](#)

“I am an earthworm. I live in and add nutrients to the soil under the garden by breaking down dead plants. I must be careful not to get eaten by a cardinal or robin visiting the garden.”



Eastern-gray Squirrel

Lenape: [xanikw](#)

I am a squirrel. I feel right at home in all New York City parks. I might steal a strawberry or bury an acorn from an oak tree in your garden for the Spring. I must be careful not to become the lunch of a red-tailed hawk.



Acorn

Lenape: ònàxkwim

I am the seed of an oak tree. A squirrel might bury me in your garden and if I'm lucky, she'll forget to dig me up. Then, I'll grow into an oak that could live up to 250 years and be a habitat for hawks, squirrels, insects, and worms.



Red-tailed Hawk

Lenape: [mèxkalaniat](#)

I am a red-tailed hawk, and I make nests in parks and nest on top of NYC buildings. I'm a predator and I often hunt rats, mice, and squirrels, but I'm in big trouble if the rat I catch has been poisoned.



Honeybee

Lenape: amëwe

I am a honeybee. I pollinate flowers like strawberry flowers and sunflowers and take nectar back to my hive to make honey. When I find flowers, I go back to my hive and dance a special round and waggle dance to tell the other bees where to find the nectar.



Sunflower

Lenape: òxeataès

I am a sunflower. Pollinators like butterflies and honeybees love to visit me in the garden because though I look like one big flower, I'm really a composite flower made up of hundreds of tiny flowers. Birds like the red cardinal love to come eat my seeds in the Fall.



Easter Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly

Lenape: [mèmèkas](#)

I am a butterfly. I pollinate flowers and drink nectar with a long, straw-like tongue called a proboscis. I was born on a Tulip tree and hid from predators like the red cardinal by looking just like a bird dropping as a young caterpillar!



Nine-spotted Ladybug

Lenape: tahkòxtèt muxwès

I am a ladybug. I protect plants like the sunflower from pests like aphids. I can eat up to 5000 aphids in my lifetime. I am technically a beetle and when I feel threatened from predators like the red cardinal, I flip upside down and play dead.



Red Cardinal

Lenape: [hmukwinùnd](#)

I am a red cardinal. I eat insects, seeds of the sunflower and other flowers, red fruits like mulberries, and red flowers like honeysuckle with hopes that my feathers will be brightest red.

