

Names of the Animals- Gigeenix
HUWAHL YAJASXW

A – a

as'us plural of us, *n.* dogs.

axwt *n.* porcupine meant is eaten by the Gitxsan, it has the texture of pork. Porcupine is roasted on an open fire, that way the quills are burnt off avoiding piercing the skin as the quills are like sharp needles and should they enter the skin they would have to be broken in order to be removed. Quills are used for jewelry; the centre is a soft core, easily pierced with a needle and worked like beads into beautiful necklaces and earrings.

B – b

bak'is *n.* monkey. Syn: 'niits'abalaxgan.

busi *n.* (Eng. Pussy) cat. Syn: duus. From: English.

D – d

daayoo *n.* bull moose, male moose, From: Stikine.

dawe *n.* domestic goat.

dibe. *n.* mountain sheep.

diboogit *n.* shrew, a blind mouse that lives underground.

diyaaja *n.* cow moose. From: Stikine.

duus *n.* cat. Syn: busi.

duusim gilelix *n.* mountain lion (cougar). This animal is not eaten by the Gitxsan. Syn: hawaw.

G – g

gibuu *n.* timber wolf. Wolf meat is not eaten. The Gitxsan hunted the wolf only when the white man came and the fur was bought by them.

gipaygum ts'inhlik' *n.* flying squirrel. Syn: k'iphlik'.

gyadim wan or gadin wan *n.* male deer, buck.

gyuwadan or gyoodan or gwadan *n.* horse. From: Chinook.

G – g

gaakhl *n.* mouse.

gahlalkw *n.* woodchuck. The meat is not eaten by the Gitxsan. The skin was stretched and dried, turned inside out, sewn together and used as a blanket or coat.

ganaa'w *n.* frog.

gax *n.* rabbit. Rabbit meat is eaten by the Gitxsan; makes a tasty stew or soup, also delicious fried. In the early days the skin was stretched and dried and because of

the velvety fur it was used as booties for newborn and small children and kept the little feet toasty warm. Also, the fur was used as liners in moccasins. The rabbits' feet were sewn together into a square and used as a cushion to sit on. Rabbit fur was used also by older children to catch birds, especially swallow. The swallows were freed again as catching the birds was entertainment only for the older children.

gen *n.* skunk.

Gw – gw

gwalaxuhlyee *n.* grizzly bear. It is believed that our ancestors did eat grizzly bear meat, but not eaten today and today's elders do not remember eating grizzly bear meat when they were youngsters. Grizzly bear skin make beautiful rugs and were used as mattresses in the olden days.

Syn: **lik'i'nsxw**.

gwaso *n.* (French: cochon) domestic pig.
From: France.

gwiikw *n.* groundhog. Groundhogs were a lifeline for our ancestors. When it was the right month, at the end of July, after fishing season, the people went up the mountains, not just the hunters but whole families moved to specific mountains which were individually owned by a specific Chief. This mass migration yearly for groundhog was called **xdaa'y**.

A chief with abundant groundhog was considered wealthy. Groundhog pelts were used as money and also sewn together for blankets or coats. Groundhog meat is eaten fresh or smoked, and valued for its fat content.

H – h

hanak'am wan *n.* female deer, doe.

hat' *n.* marten, sable. The meat from marten is not eaten. The pelts were stretched, dried, turned fur side out and sold to the white man.

hawaw *n.* mountain lion (cougar). This animal is not eaten by the Gitxsan. *Syn:* **duusim gilelix**.

HL – hl

hlgu'us *n.* puppy dog. *Syn:* **nuu'w**.

hligyadit *n.* a male animal.

hlihanak'at or **hlahanak'at** *n.* a female animal.

hlihlguuhlxwhl wan *n.* young deer, fawn. *Syn:* **hli'waakhl wan**.

hli'waakhl wan *n.* young deer, fawn.
Syn: **hlihlguuhlxwhl wan**.

J – j

jaayaas *n.* young beaver.

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jagwasxw *n.* animal. *Pl:* yajasxw.

K'

jilgees *n.* chipmunk.

juulukw *n.* black woodchuck burrowing animal seen only in spring.

K' – k'

k'iphlik' *n.* flying squirrel. *Syn:*
gipaygum ts'inhlik'.

k'yuuwa *n.* young cow moose. From:
Stikine.

K' – k'

k'abalaas *n.* tadpole.

k'ala'waa'a *n.* fox. The fox was trapped for its fur only. The meat was not eaten. *Syn:* t'ak'aluts.

L – l

lalt *n.* 1) snake. 2) worm.

lik'i'nsxw *n.* grizzly bear. *Syn:*
gwalaxuhlyee.

M – m

maaxwsxwim gax or **maaxwsxum gax**
n. snowshoe rabbit.

maaxwsxwim dibe or **maaxwsxum dibe**
n. Dall sheep.

matx *n.* mountain goat.

matxim laxsga'nist *n.* mountain sheep.

midigim ts'a'wi'aks *n.* sea bear.

midiiik *n.* sea bear (polar); a lot broader with dorsal fin. Old language of T'aamlax'aamit. In olden days they came up river, still evident today in carvings.

mismuus *n.* domestic cow

mixsihl *n.* weasel. Weasel meat is not eaten by the Gitxsan. The pelts were stretched, dried, and turned fur side out and used mainly to decorate a Chief's headdress, headband, blanket or leggings.

muus *n.* moose. Almost every part of the moose is used. The meat is cooked like beef. It is especially tasty when smoked a little. The liver, kidneys and tripe are eaten. Headcheese is made from the head. The intestines are cleaned, turned inside out and smoked, a delicacy called **hats'athlaa** eaten as meat, in soups or main course. The skin is tanned and used for moccasins, jackets, vests, gloves, mittens, hair ties, and babiche for snowshoes. Moose tufting is used today for art. Beautiful pictures are etched out using moose hair. *Syn:* **xadaa.**

'M – 'm

'maasgibuu *n.* white timber wolf (this wolf is an albino; white, different, original).

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N – n

'niits'abalaxgan *n.* monkey. Syn: *n*
bak'is.

S – s

siiha'wahlxwsim lik'i'nsxw *n.* grizzly
bear cubs. Did not allow young girls to
see, especially expectant mothers.

siiha'wahlxwsim smax *n.* bear cubs.

simsmax *n.* black bear. Black bear meat
is eaten. There is grease made from bear
fat and we call this kyax. Bear grease is
odorless and was used as a facial cream
by the women. Bear skins make beautiful
rugs, and they were used as mattresses by
our ancestors. Bear claws were also used.
You often see them as a necklace worn
by a chief. Syn: ul; xbilxsit.

smax *n.* bear, a generic term.

T – t

tk'alat'aat *n.* beaver, just before
adulthood, almost full year.

T' t'

t'ak'aluts *n.* fox. Syn: **k'ala'waa'a**.

TS' – ts'

ts'iiya *n.* baby moose. *From:* Stikine.

ts'imilix *n.* beaver. Beaver meat is eaten
and is also smoked. The beaver tail is
also eaten. Beaver pelts make beautiful
fur coats; also used for mukluks.

ts'inhlik' *n.* squirrel. Squirrels were
hunted for their pelts only and sold. The
meat is not eaten by the Gitksan.

U – u

ul *n.* black bear. This is the language
used at T'aamlax'aamit. Syn: **simsmax**;
xbilxsit.

us *n.* dog.

usim sbagayt gan *n.* coyote. This animal
is not hunted by the Gitksan.

W – w

wan *n.* deer. The deer is another animal
that is a source of meat and eaten just
like beef. The hide is tanned and used for
jackets and moccasins.

weex *n.* lynx, bobcat. The lynx is hunted
for its fur and sold.

wijiim sbagayt gan *n.* caribou,
woodland. Caribou meat is eaten as beef,
also smoked. The hide is tanned and used
for clothing and moccasins.

wijix *n.* barren caribou (North).

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‘W – ‘w

‘waagim gyoodan or ‘waagim gyuwadan or ‘waagim gwadan *n. colt.*

yajasxw plural of **jagwasxwk**, *n. animals.*

‘waak *n. any young, four-legged hoofed animal.*

‘watsx *n. otter. The otter is an animal hunted for its fur to be sold.*

‘wehen *n. fisher. The fisher was not eaten but hunted for its fur to be sold.*

‘wiigaakhl *n. pack rat.*

‘wii’ants’a’waxs *n. large mature male mountain goat. So termed because the hide on hind haunches was so thick it made good soles on moccasin. This part of the animal was thick because it slid on its rump descending steep mountain areas.*

‘wiiwan *n. mule deer.*

X – x

xsihlxw *n. 1) lizard. 2) salamander.*

X – x

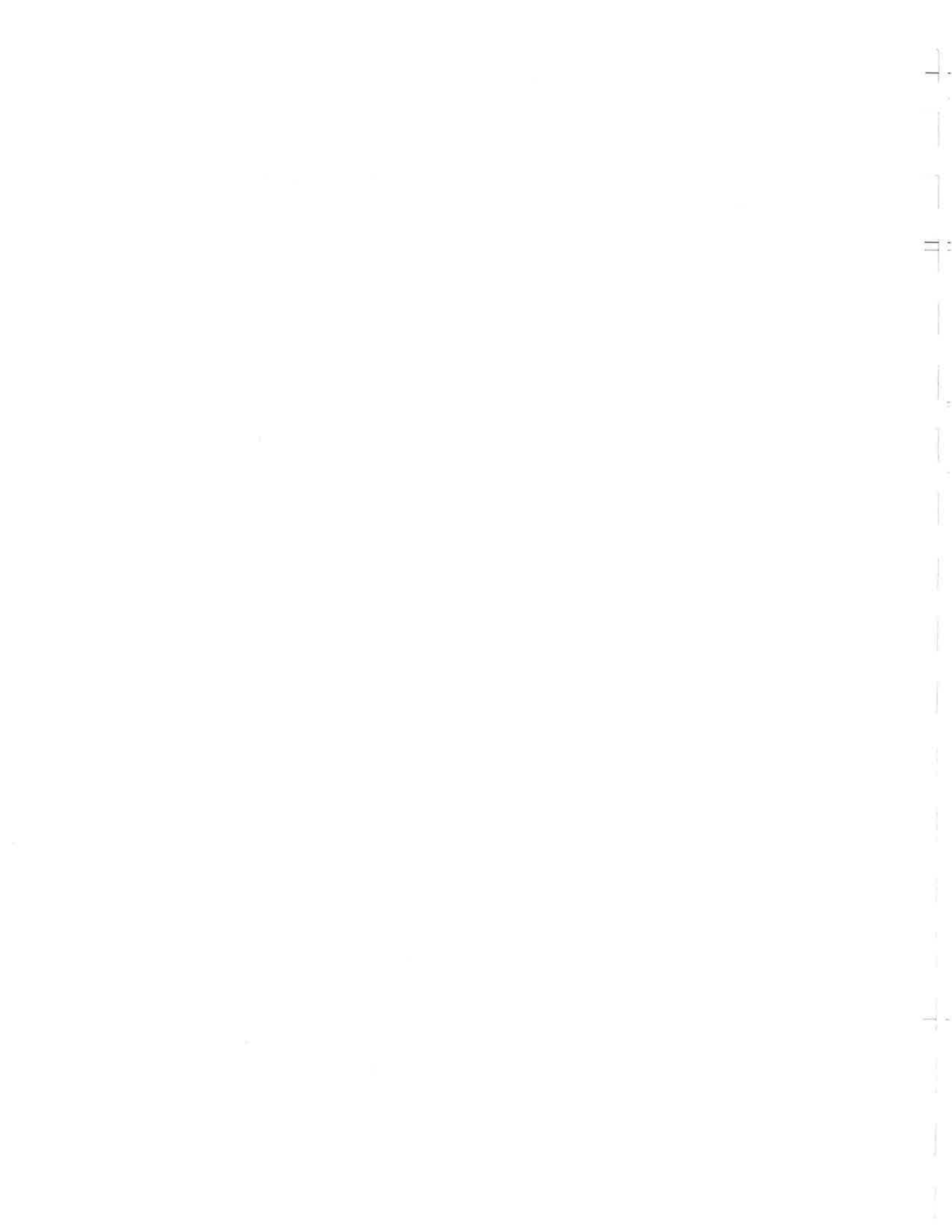
xadaa *n. moose. Syn: muus. From: Tahltan.*

xbilxsit *n. black bear. Syn: simsmax; ul.*

Y – y

Species of Fish - Gigeenix
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A – a	Milit <i>n.</i> steelhead.
amlax <i>n.</i> old salmon	miso'o <i>n.</i> sockeye salmon
	'M – 'm
D – d	' mask'ayaa'y <i>n.</i> bullhead
daks <i>n.</i> flounder	
	S – s
E – e	saabaaya <i>n.</i> dolly varden
EEK <i>n.</i> coho salmon	saak <i>n.</i> 1) eulachon 2) candle fish
<u>G</u> – g	Sgya <i>n.</i> herring
ganiix <i>n.</i> 1) dog salmon. 2) chum salmon	Sdi'moon <i>n.</i> 1) pink salmon 2) humpback salmon.
H – h	
hun <i>n.</i> any fish	T – t
HL – hl	txox <i>n.</i> halibut.
hlguuya <i>n.</i> small jack spring	X – x
hloots' <i>n.</i> 1) sucker 2) whitefish	xsimilit <i>n.</i> rainbow trout.
<u>K'</u> – <u>k'</u>	<u>X</u> – <u>x</u>
k'a'et <i>n.</i> old dog salmon.	xot'ixs <i>n.</i> minnow (small trout)
L – l	Y – y
Llaawim t'ax <i>n.</i> lake trout.	ya'a <i>n.</i> spring salmon.
laaxw <i>n.</i> any trout	
M – m	



Names of Birds - Gigeenix
HUWAHL TS'UUTS'

A – a

andahlgimha *n.* bird's nest. *Syn:*
andahlguehlxw; anluusgyamgya;
anluut'aa.

andahlguehlxw *n.* bird's nest. *Syn:*
andahlgimha; anluusgyamgya;
anluut'aa.

angokhlgan *n.* any woodpecker.

anluusgyamhya *n.* bird nest. *Syn:*
andahlguehlxw; andahlgimha;
anluut'aa.

B – b

bisda'y *n.* grouse, a generic term.

D – d

dilgoogo or dilgooga *n.* 1) trumpeter
swan 2) snow goose.

G – g

gihl'winsxw *n.* downy woodpecker,
red headed, black speckled in colour.

gilaxgyo *n.* red breasted thrush.
From: Tsimshian.

gilkw'ats *n.* sandpiper.

gisgangwa'ltxw *n.* robin. *Syn:*
gwisgangwa'ltxw.

git'uxsda *n.* wren.

G – g

gaak *n.* raven

gadalk *n.* sandhill crane.

gask'oos *n.* 1) great blue heron. 2)
pelican 3) pelican.

gawk'aw *n.* crow.

geewin *n.* seagull

gol *n.* loon

GW – gw

gwisgangwa'ltxw *n.* robin. *Syn:*
gisgangwa'ltxw.

gwisgoos *n.* 1) whiskey jack. 2)
camprobber.

H – h

haa'atxw *n.* redheaded woodpecker.

hak' *n.* goose; geese.

hamum *n.* 1) pigeon. 2) dove.

hasiyayks *n.* swallow.

hasiyuxwsa *n.* nightingale.

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huxw *n.* small spotted owl. This little owl is considered to bring good luck if heard.

HL – hl

hliimha *n.* birds eggs

J – j

jiixw *n.* snowbirds; fast, in bunches (gwooyim), small, gray. *Syn:* **k'uts'ilda; ts'iihl**

jin *n.* hummingbird.

K – k

k'utk'unuxwx or **gutk'unuxws** *n.* owl.

k'uts'ilda *n.* snowbirds fast, in bunches (gwooyim), small, gray. *Syn:* **jiixw; ts'iihl.**

K' – k'

K'alidakhl *n.* blue jay (steller or Canada jay).

L – l

litsxw *n.* blue grouse. Depending on where you're from. *Syn:* **maxmeek.**

lo'lba ts'a'l *n.* fool hen.

M – m

maxmeek *n.* blue grouse. Depending on where you're from.

Majilyee *n.* night hawk.

mis'moot'ixs *n.* chicken hawk.

'M – 'm

'**moot'ixs** *n.* barn owl.

N – n

naxnaax *n.* mallard duck.

S – s

sgimsim *n.* golden eagle.

sk'iiik *n.* chickadee. *Syn:* **'witxw'nii'gyiikw.**

T' – t'

t'uuts'xwa ts'uuts'n. blackbird.

TS' – ts'

ts'iihl *n.* snowbird. *Syn:* **jiixw; k'uts'ilda.**

ts'iyoolik' *n.* kingfisher.

ts'uuts *n.* birds, a generic term.

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'W – 'w

'waa'atxw *n.* hairy woodpecker.

'witxw'nii'ygiikw *n.* chickadee. *Syn:*
sk'iik.

X – x

Xsgaak or xsgyaak *n.* eagle.

X – x

Xts'uuts' *n.* chicken hawk.

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A – a

ap *n.* any bee, a generic term.

Aphleek *n.* grass spider.

Axgabitxwit or axgabitxut *n.* no-see-um flie.

B – b

Biyooxw or biyoox *n.* any fly.

G – g

gyadalee *n.* daddy longlegs spider.
Syn: **isxwit** or **isxut**.

G – g

gansk'ojinxt *n.* ant.

ganxya'a *n.* butterfly (orange and black in colour).

GW – gw

gwaatl'ax *n.* 1) snail. 2) slug.

gwaatl'axam laxmo'on *n.* slug from the coast.

H – h

haalibasim ts'ook' *n.* dragonfly.

hisbiliks *n.* butterfly species (egg stage, before larva).

K' – k'

k'uuhlxaan *n.* wood grub.

L – l

laldim wis *n.* earthworm, so called because they are visible after a good rainfall. *Syn:* **laldim yip**.

laldim yip *n.* earthworm, so called because they live in the soil and are not visible unless it rains. *Syn:* **laldim wis**.

lalt *n.* 1) worm. 2) snake.

M – m

majiiluulak' *n.* moth species

mismoots *n.* 1) grasshopper. 2) cricket.

'M – 'm

'**mask'aawoot'ax** *n.* any butterfly, a generic term.

S – s

sak'anst *n.* inch worm.

sa'nakw'a *n.* caterpillar species.

smaa'win *n.* maggot.

T' – t'

t'a *n.* louse.

t'awihlxan *n.* wood grub.

t'uuts'xwa biyoosxw *n.* house fly.

TS' – ts'

ts'isxw *n.* small louse or animal flea.

W – w

wal'eek *n.* horsefly.

'wit'axgats'agat or **wit'axgats'agat**
n. mosquito.

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