OUTSIDE & SEEK
Hunt #1

WHAT IS A WATERSHED?
A watershed is the area of land that drains to a particular body of water. The slope of the land determines which way water will flow according to gravity, so the shape of a watershed is determined by the ridges (high points) surrounding the stream valley (lowest points.)

Philadelphia has seven major watersheds whose streams all flow to the Delaware River – Delaware Direct, Schuylkill River, Darby-Cobbs Creek, Wissahickon Creek, Poquessing Creek, Pennypack Creek and ours, the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Creek.

WHERE DOES THE NAME TOOKANY/TACONY-FRANKFORD COME FROM?
The creek starts in Montgomery County, where the main stem is called the Tookany. When the creek passes into Philadelphia at Cheltenham Avenue the name changes to Tacony.

These two names come from the native Leni Lenape word tèkëne, meaning woods or wilderness. The Tacony Creek flows south towards the neighborhood of Juniata Park, where it historically merged with the Wingohocking Creek to form the Frankford Creek. You can just say: TTF!

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White-tailed deer
Odocoileus virginianus

Common raccoon
Procyon lotor

Red fox
Vulpes vulpes

Eastern gray squirrel
Sciurus carolinensis

Groundhog
Marmota monax

American robin
Turdus migratorius

Lesser celandine
Ficaria verna

Japanese knotweed
Reynoutria japonica

Porcelain berry
Ampelopsis glandulososa

White snakeroot
Ageratina altissima

Common garter snake
Thamnophis sirtalis

Garlic mustard
Alliaria petiolata