



# NATURE NB'S GUIDE TO: ANIMAL TRACKS

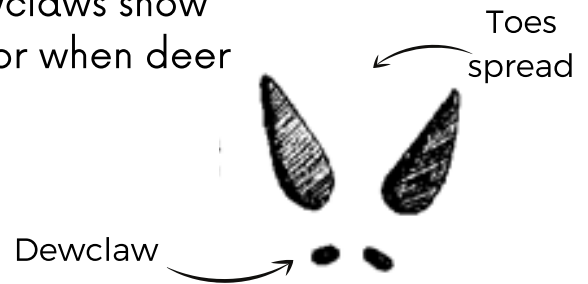
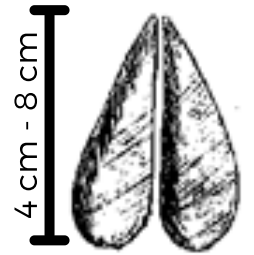


*\*Photos of animals and tracks are not to scale\**

## Deer:



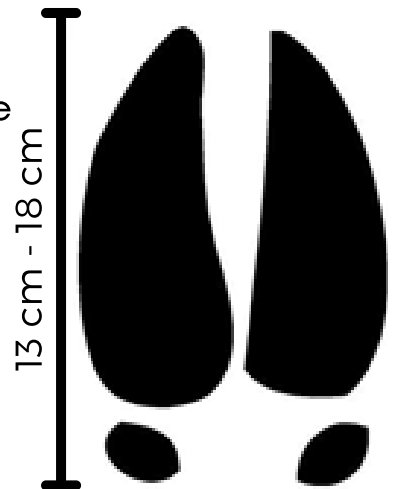
- Hooves with two toes: "cloven-hoofed"
- Front and back feet are the same size and shape.
- Pointed top and rounded bottom
- Toes spread and dewclaws show when on soft ground or when deer is running



## Moose:



- Hooves with two toes: "cloven-hoofed"
- Front and back feet are the same size and shape.
- Pointed top and rounded bottom
- Very similar to deer but much larger



## Bobcat:



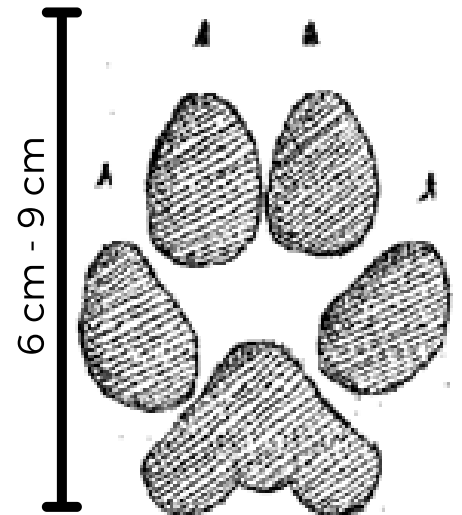
- 4 padded toes on each foot
- Front and back feet are similar size and shape
- No claw marks
- Very similar to house cat track but double the size.



## Coyote:



- 4 padded toes on each foot
- Front and back feet are similar size and shape
- Claw marks usually present



## Red Fox:



- 4 padded toes on each foot
- Front and back feet are similar size and shape
- Claw marks usually present
- Very similar to coyote tracks, but smaller

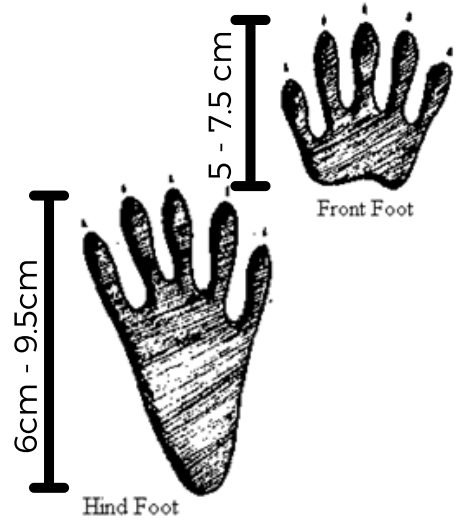


\*Domestic dog tracks look very similar to coyote tracks and fox tracks, but coyotes and foxes usually walk in a straight line while dogs like to wander! Also, look for boot prints that tell you someone was walking beside their dog!

# Raccoon:



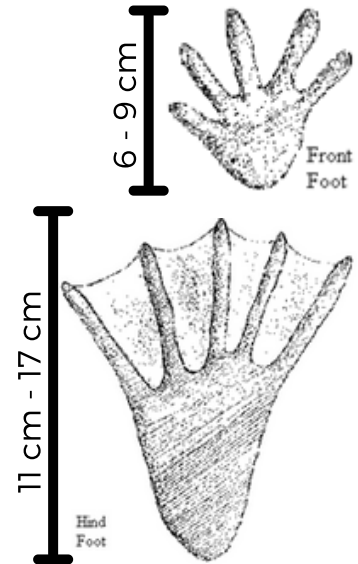
- 5 finger like toes on each foot
- Claw marks sometimes present, but not always
- Back foot longer than front foot



# Beaver:



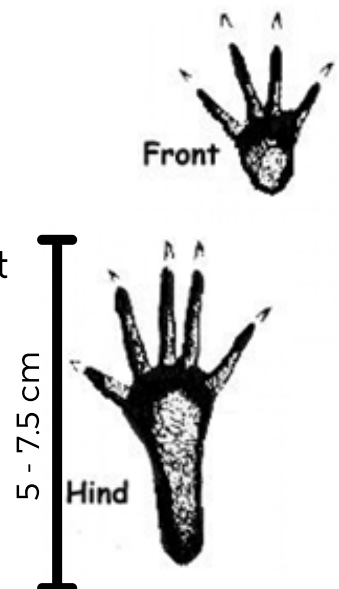
- 5 finger like toes on each foot
- **Back feet are webbed**
- Claw marks sometimes present
- Back foot much longer than front foot
- Tracks are hard to find because the beavers big tail wipes them out as it drags behind



# Muskrat:



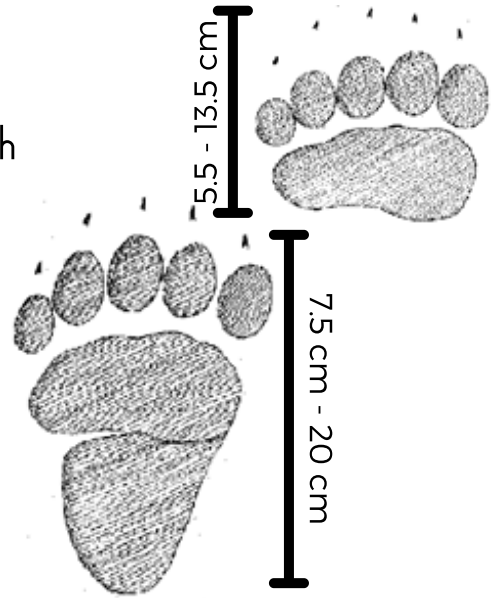
- 5 finger like toes on each foot
- Similar to beaver tracks, but back feet are not webbed
- Claw marks sometimes present
- Back foot longer than front foot
- Rat-like dragging tail mark may be seen



# Black Bear:



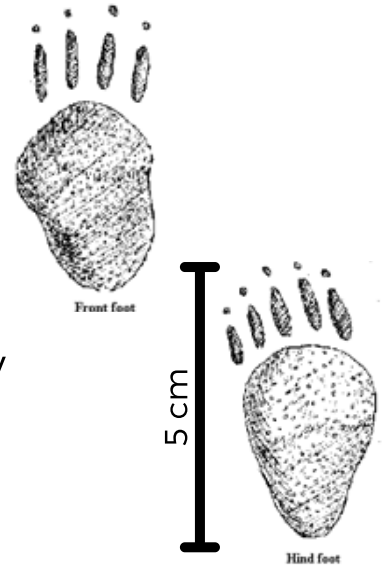
- 5 padded toes on each foot
- Claw marks sometimes present
- Back feet much longer than front feet



# Porcupine:



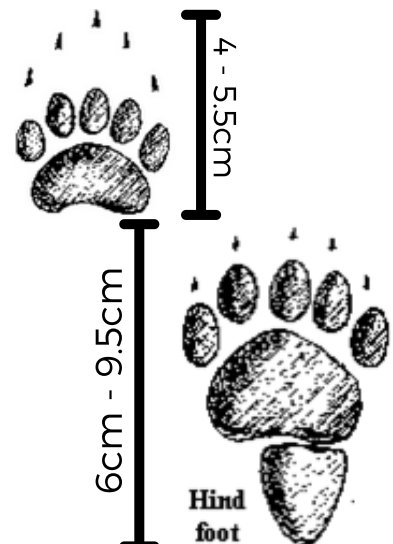
- 4 padded toes on front feet
- 5 padded toes on back feet
- Claw marks present
- Drag marks from quills may be seen on either side of the tracks



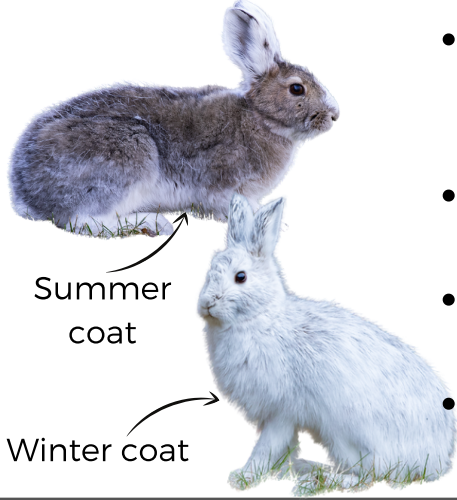
# Skunk:



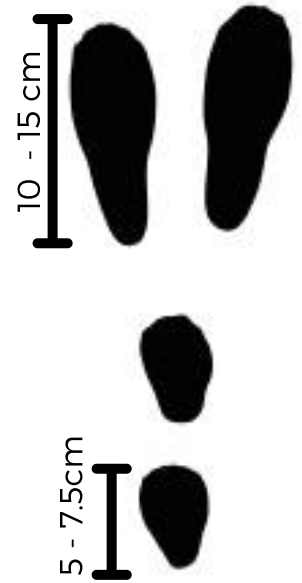
- 5 padded toes on each foot
- Claw marks present
- Back feet longer than front feet



# Snowshoe Hare:



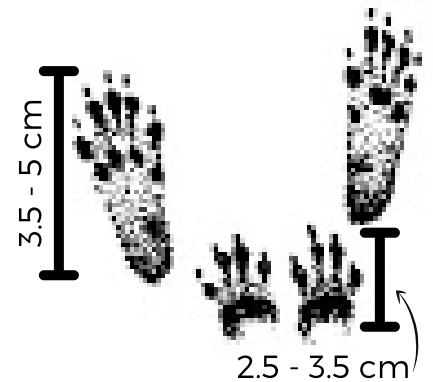
- 4 toes on front and back, but furry feet make toe shape hard to see
- Back feet much larger than front feet
- Back feet land in front of front feet
- Front feet usually land one in front of the other



# Squirrel:



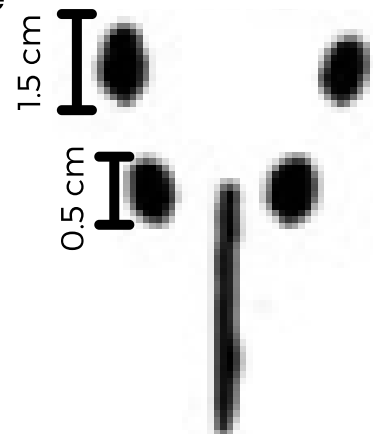
- 5 padded toes on each foot
- Claw marks present
- Back foot longer than front foot
- Back feet land in front of front feet
- Front feet land side by side



# Mouse:



- Back and front feet similar size and shape
- Back feet land in front of front feet
- Front feet land side by side
- Tail drag mark present

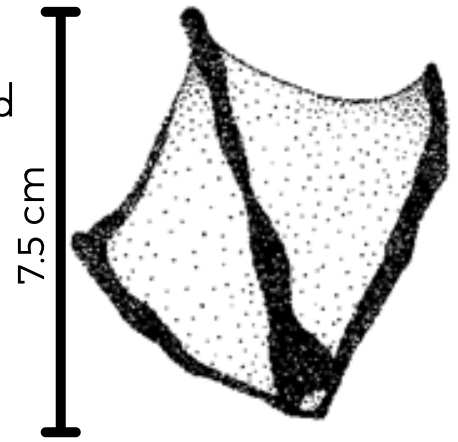


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## Canada Goose:

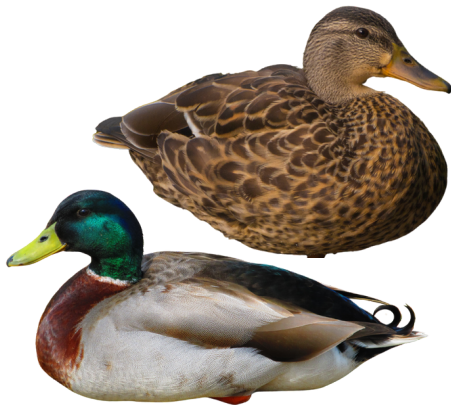


- 3 toes pointing forward
- Feet are webbed

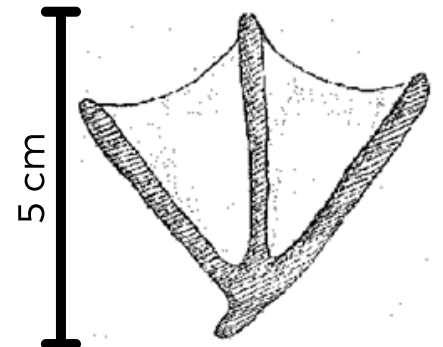


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## Mallard Duck:



- 3 toes pointing forward
- Feet are webbed
- Similar to Canada goose, but smaller



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## American Crow:



- 3 toes pointing forward
- 1 toe pointing backwards
- Feet are not webbed

