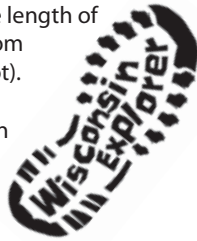


## Tracking Down Animals

Here are some tracks you might find as you explore. Remember that tracks look a little different in sand, snow, dust, and mud. Animals also leave different track patterns when they walk, trot, gallop, and run.

Tracks are shown 1/3 of their actual sizes. The measurements tell the length of the track from top to bottom (f = front foot; h = hind foot).

Scat (droppings) are shown life size unless noted otherwise.



## Canines



**gray wolf**  
3 3/4 to 5 3/4"

**red fox**  
(not shown)  
1 1/8 to 2 1/8"

Don't be fooled by dog tracks! They look a lot like wild canines.

**coyote**  
2 5/8 to 3 1/2"



coyote scat  
1/2 size

## Felines

**housecat**  
1 to 1 5/8"



**bobcat**  
1 1/8 to 2 1/2"



**lynx**  
(not shown)  
2 1/2 to 4 1/4"



bobcat scat 1/2 size  
(cats cover their droppings)

## Deer

**whitetail deer**  
1 1/4 to 3 1/2"



**elk**  
(not shown)  
2 1/2 to 4 7/8"



whitetail deer scat

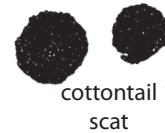
## Rabbits/Hares



**cottontail**  
h = 1 to 3"



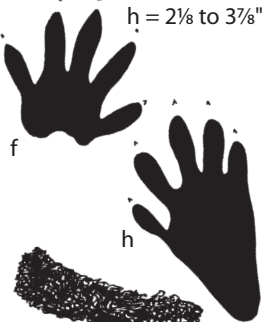
**snowshoe hare**  
h = 3 1/4 to 6"



cottontail scat

## Raccoon

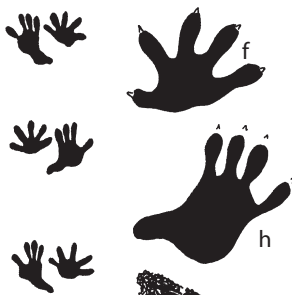
f = 1 3/4 to 3 1/8"  
h = 2 1/8 to 3 7/8"



scat 1/2 size

## Opossum

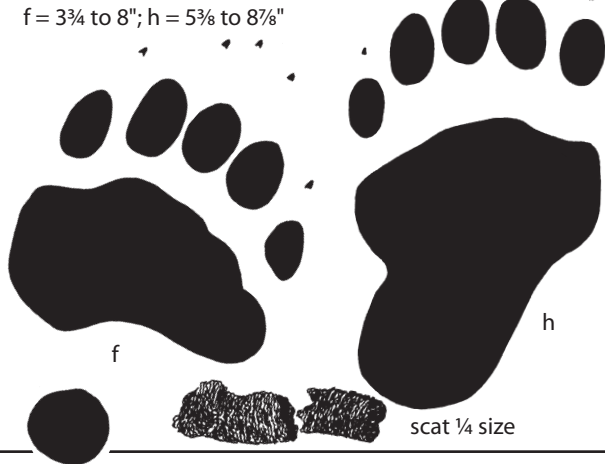
f = 1 to 2 1/2"  
h = 1 1/4 to 2 3/4"



scat 1/2 size

## Black Bear

f = 3 3/4 to 8"; h = 5 3/8 to 8 7/8"




scat 1/4 size

0  
1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7 inches

0  
1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
inches

## Weasels



**ermine**  
7/16 to 5/8"

**least weasel**  
5/16 to 5/8"

**long-tailed weasel**  
(not shown)  
5/8 to 1 1/2"

**weasel scat**  
1/2 size

**river otter**  
f = 2 1/8 to 3 1/4"

**badger**  
f = 2 7/8 to 3 7/8"  
h = 1 7/8 to 2 3/4"

**mink**  
1 1/8 to 1 3/4"

**striped skunk**  
f = 1 5/8 to 2 1/16"  
h = 1 5/16 to 2"

**skunk scat** 1/2 size

## Rodents (big)

**muskrat**  
7/8 to 1 1/2"

**woodchuck**  
f = 1 7/8 to 2 3/4"  
h = 1 5/8 to 3 1/8"

**porcupine**  
f = 2 1/4 to 3 3/8"  
h = 2 3/4 to 4"

**porcupine scat**  
1/2 size

**beaver**  
f = 2 1/2 to 3 7/8"  
h = 4 3/4 to 7"

## Rodents (small)

**mice & voles**  
1/4 to 5/16"


**mouse and vole scat**

**jumping mouse**  
tail drag

**eastern chipmunk**  
f = 3/4 to 1"  
h = 3/4 to 1 1/8"

**chipmunk scat**

**gray squirrel**  
f = 1 1/4 to 1 3/4"  
h = 1 1/4 to 3 1/4"



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