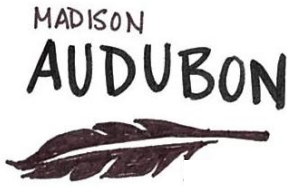


# Urban Mammal Track & Scat ID



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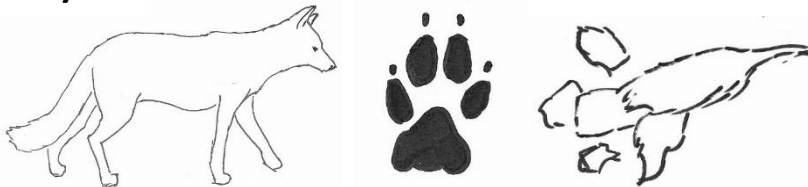
**Remember:** Tracks can look different in sand, mud, or snow. Animal scat changes color, texture, and shape depending on what the animal eats. These are just examples of what tracks and scat often looks like.

## Domestic (pet) Dog

Tracks: can be tiny or huge depending on breed. Claws visible.  
Scat: looks like playdough, no fur or bones

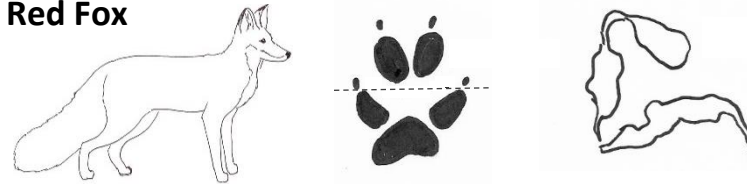


## Coyote



Tracks: F & R 2.4 - 3.5 in. long. Claws visible  
Scat: 0.4 – 1.4 in. diameter, usually with fur or bones, one end pointy.

## Red Fox



Tracks: F & R 1.5 - 3 in. long. Claws visible. Lots of space between middle toes and pad.  
Scat: 0.3 – 0.75 in. diameter, usually with fur or bones, one end pointy.

## Domestic Cat (outdoor pets or feral cats)



Tracks: F & R 1 – 1.6 in. long. Claws usually not visible.  
Scat: 0.4 – 0.9 in. in diameter. Looks like tootsie rolls with a pointy end.

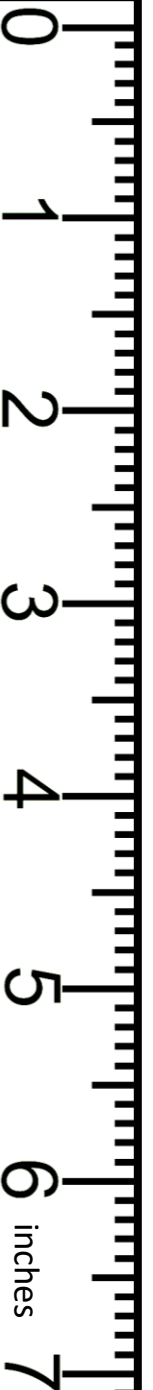
## White-tailed Deer



Tracks: F & R 1.25 - 4 in. long. Looks like a heart.  
Scat: Pellets, often with a dimple at one end and a small point on the other. About 0.5 in. diameter

\*Animals, tracks, & scat not to scale. F = front, R = rear feet

Measurements from Mammal Tracks & Sign by Elbroch



### Gray Squirrel



Tracks: F 1.5 in. long, R 1.25 – 3.25 in. long. Claws visible.  
Scat: Tiny pellets, tubes (not round balls)

### Chipmunk



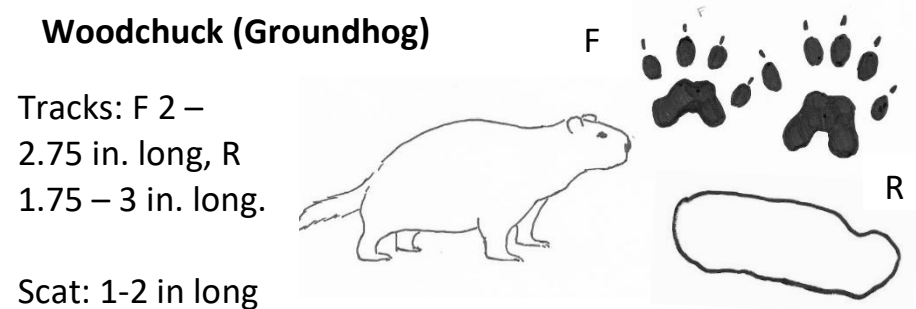
Tracks: F & R about 0.5 in. long. 5 toes visible on R, usually 4 toes visible on F. Scat: Tiny roundish pellets

### Eastern Cottontail



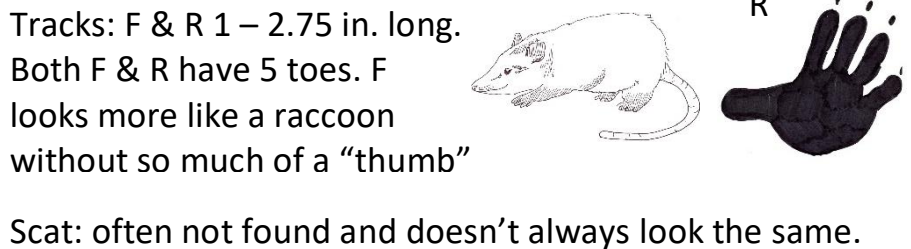
Tracks: F 1 – 2 in. long, R 1.25 – 3.25 in. long. Fur usually visible.  
Scat: Small round balls, look like cocoa puffs!

### Woodchuck (Groundhog)



Tracks: F 2 – 2.75 in. long, R 1.75 – 3 in. long.  
Scat: 1-2 in long

### Virginia Opossum



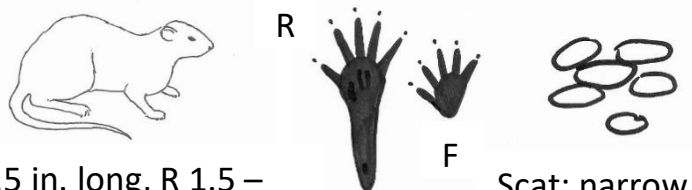
Tracks: F & R 1 – 2.75 in. long. Both F & R have 5 toes. F looks more like a raccoon without so much of a “thumb”  
Scat: often not found and doesn’t always look the same.

### Raccoon



Tracks: F 1.75 – 3 in. long, R 2 – 4 in. long. R foot also has 5 long toes.  
Scat: 1 in. diameter, 3.5 – 7 in. long.

### Muskrat



Tracks: F 1 – 1.5 in. long, R 1.5 – 2.75 in. long. Stiff fur on feet makes them look slightly webbed.  
Scat: narrow tubes about 1 in. long

### Striped Skunk



Tracks: F & R 1.5 – 2 in. long. R foot also has 5 long toes.  
Scat: about 0.51 in. diameter, 2 - 5 in. long.