



Animal Tracks

OF THE NORTHEAST



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YOUR WAY TO EASILY IDENTIFY ANIMAL TRACKS



Squirrels

Red Squirrel

FRONT: L $\frac{7}{8}$ "– $1\frac{1}{4}$ "; W $\frac{1}{2}$ "– 1 "

HIND: L 1 "– 2 "; W $\frac{3}{4}$ "– $1\frac{1}{4}$ "

Long, slender toes make tracks appear more delicate than other squirrel tracks. Larger tracks than flying squirrels and smaller than those of gray squirrels.



Eastern Gray Squirrel

FRONT: L 1 "– $1\frac{5}{8}$ "; W $\frac{1}{2}$ "– $1\frac{1}{4}$ "

HIND: L 1 "– $2\frac{1}{2}$ "; W $\frac{7}{8}$ "– $1\frac{1}{2}$ "

These familiar animals leave abundant tracks. Long toes and clearly defined pads distinguish them from rabbit tracks.



Eastern Fox Squirrel

FRONT: L $1\frac{1}{4}$ "– $1\frac{3}{4}$ "; W $\frac{3}{4}$ "– $1\frac{1}{2}$ "

HIND: L $1\frac{1}{2}$ "– $2\frac{3}{4}$ "; W 1 "– $1\frac{3}{4}$ "

Our largest tree squirrel. Ventures farther from trees and walks more often than gray squirrels. Lives in DE, MD, parts of NY and eastern PA.



Woodchuck

FRONT: L $1\frac{5}{8}$ "– $2\frac{1}{2}$ "; W $1\frac{1}{8}$ "– $1\frac{7}{8}$ "

HIND: L $1\frac{5}{8}$ "– $2\frac{3}{4}$ "; W $1\frac{1}{4}$ "– $1\frac{7}{8}$ "

Large, stubby, squirrel-like tracks. Usually walks rather than bounds.



Weasels

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FRONT: L $\frac{5}{16}$ " - $\frac{1}{2}$ "; W $\frac{5}{16}$ " - $\frac{1}{2}$ "

HIND: L $\frac{5}{16}$ " - $\frac{1}{2}$ "; W $\frac{5}{16}$ " - $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Our smallest carnivores.

Typical track pattern is a 2x2 bound with long, irregular strides.



American Mink

FRONT: L $1\frac{1}{4}$ " - $1\frac{3}{4}$ "; W $\frac{3}{4}$ " - $1\frac{5}{8}$ "

HIND: L $\frac{3}{4}$ " - $1\frac{1}{2}$ "; W $\frac{7}{8}$ " - $1\frac{5}{8}$ "

Usually found close to water.

Individual tracks may resemble those of tree squirrels, but track patterns are usually distinctive.



American Marten

FRONT: L $1\frac{1}{2}$ " - $2\frac{3}{4}$ "; W $1\frac{3}{8}$ " - $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

HIND: L $1\frac{1}{2}$ " - $2\frac{5}{8}$ "; W $1\frac{3}{8}$ " - $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

Thick fur often blurs palm and toe pads.

Highly arboreal—trails often end at the base of a tree. Found in northern ME.



Fisher

FRONT: L $2\frac{1}{8}$ " - $3\frac{1}{2}$ "; W 2 " - $3\frac{1}{4}$ "

HIND: L 2 " - 3 "; W $1\frac{3}{4}$ " - 3 "

Front tracks larger than hind.

Large negative space and slender palm help distinguish from canines and felines.



River Otter

FRONT: L 2 " - 3 "; W $1\frac{7}{8}$ " - 3 "

HIND: L $2\frac{1}{4}$ " - $3\frac{3}{4}$ "; W $2\frac{7}{8}$ " - $3\frac{1}{2}$ "

Usually found near water,

often in small groups. Webbing rarely shows clearly in tracks. Trails may include slides.



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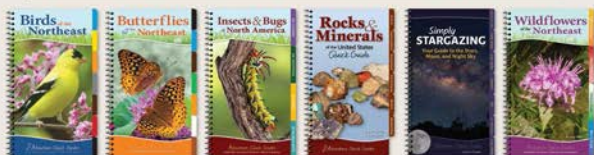
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