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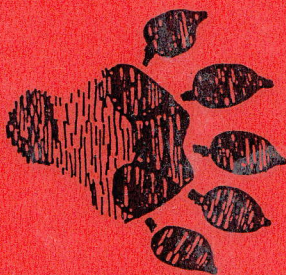
FRONT

Puma tracks; front, 3 to 3½ inches long; hind, 2½ to 3 inches long. Note shape of front heel pad and lack of claw marks; front paws are noticeably larger than hind feet.

Panther



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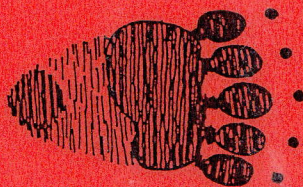
FRONT

River otter tracks; 3 to 4 inches long, forepaws slightly larger than hind. Note wide spacing of toes and distinctive heel pads.

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FRONT

Tracks of black bear. Front, 4 to 6 inches long; hind, 6 to 9 inches long.

Black Bear



Mountain lion track patterns.



River otter track pattern, running in soft mud.

River Otter

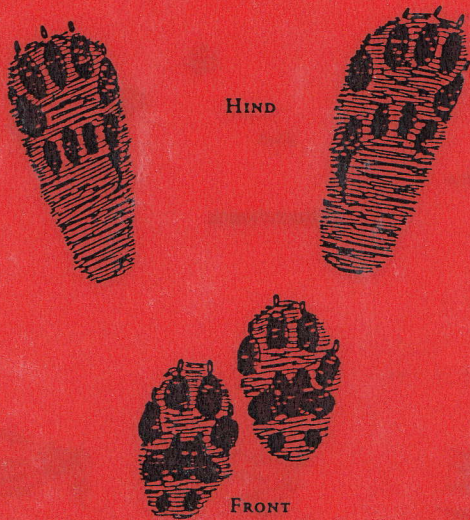


Black bear track patterns.

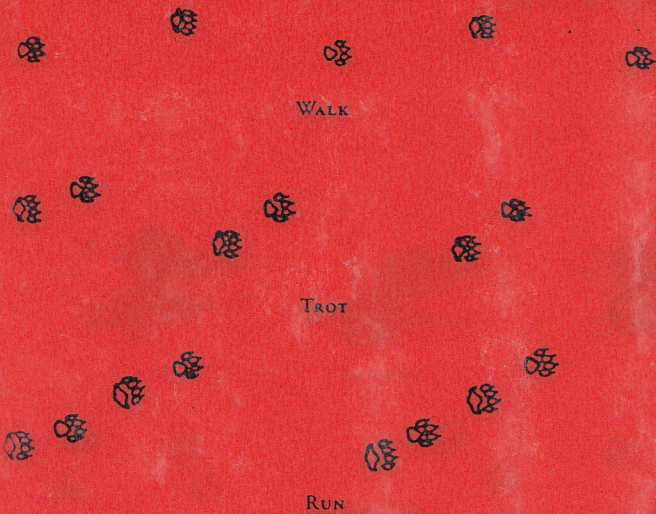


Tracks of the whitetail. Track at bottom is a front print with dewclaws showing, as they might on soft ground. Paired tracks above are as they might appear with a walking gait on firm ground, hind track superimposed on front track.

White-tailed Deer

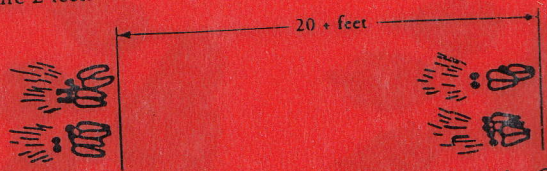


Fox and gray squirrel tracks in snow, showing typical track pattern of both: hind feet, 2 to 2½ inches long; forefeet, 1½ to 2 inches long. Shaded areas indicate portions of foot most likely to print.



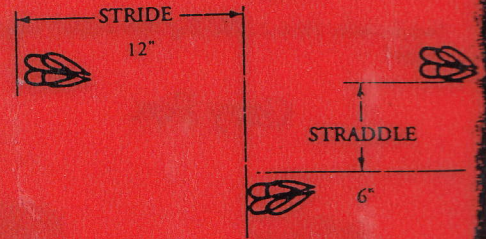
coyote track patterns.

measure 2 feet.



Track pattern of a leaping whitetail. Note how all four feet print together. Change of direction are indicated by the direction in which hooves point.

the print.



THE COMPLETE TRACKER



Fox and gray squirrel running track patterns. Note that all four feet print independently, front feet printing almost directly behind hind feet to form twin exclamation points (!!).

Squirrel



Coyote tracks; 2 to 2½ inches long. Note uniquely winged lobes at either side of hind heel pad.

Coyote



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Grey fox tracks; 1½ to 2 inches long. Note uniquely winged lobes at either side of rear heel pad.

Grey Fox



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Red fox tracks; 2 to 2½ inches long, front paws larger than hind. Note inverted V-shaped ridge across heel pads of front and hind paws, and heavy fur.

Red Fox



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Opossum tracks; front, 1½ to 2 inches long; hind, 2 to 3 inches long. Note thumblike toes on each foot.

Opossum



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Mink tracks, 1 to 2 inches long, front feet larger than hind. Note offset little toes, like thumbs.

Mink

TRACKS SHOWS LEAPS OF 4 TO 6 FEET, WITH DIRT OR SNOW KICKED UP DENING.



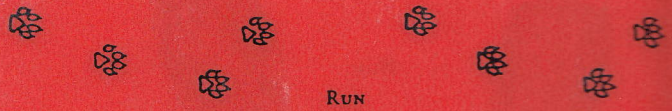
Gray fox walking.



WALK



TROT



RUN

Red fox track patterns.



Opossum walking track pattern in mud. Note long, thumblike toe of hind foot; all four feet print individually.



JUMPING



RUNNING

Mink track patterns. Top: normal jumping gait in light snow; note striations in snow ahead of tracks, indicating a slower pace. Bottom: running tracks in mud; note that all four feet print individually.



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Wild boar and feral hog tracks, 2 to 4 inches long. Shaded areas indicate portions of hoof pressed hardest into the earth.



Trotting track pattern of wild boar. Note straightness of pattern, with hind prints registering in the slightly larger front tracks.

Wild Boar (feral hog)



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Peccary tracks; 1 to 1½ inches long. Single dewclaw doesn't print. Shaded areas show portions pressed hardest into the earth.



Trotting peccary track pattern, with rear hooves registering in front tracks.



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Raccoon tracks: front, 2 to 2½ inches long; hind, 3 to 3½ inches long. Note long, finger-like toes that provide near-human manual dexterity.

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Raccoon walking track pattern as it might appear in mud. Note that all four feet register individually.

Raccoon



HOPPING

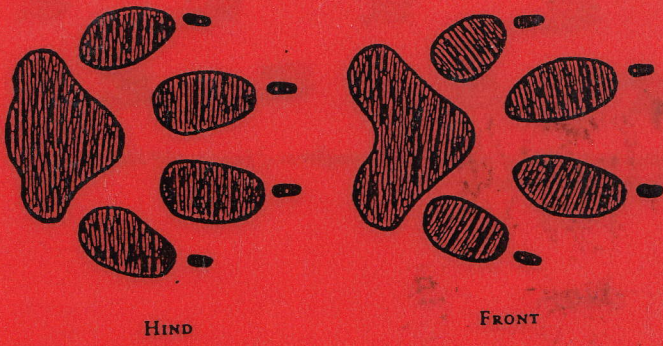


RUNNING

Eastern Cottontail

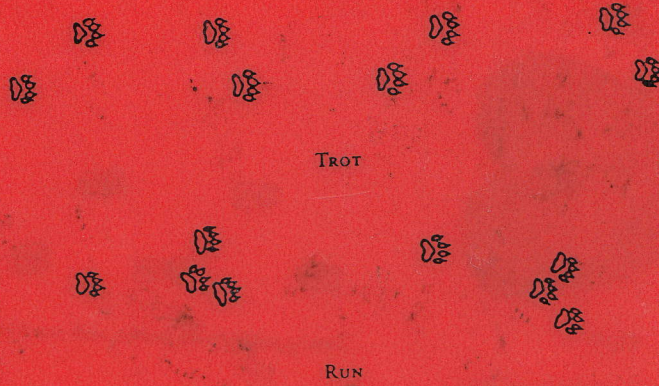
Eastern cottontail track patterns in shallow snow. Note that foreprints in running pattern register one behind the other, while those created by a steady hop are side by side.

of a malamute.

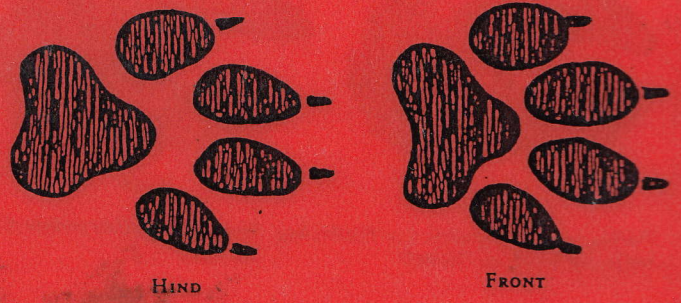


Gray wolf tracks, 4¼ to 4¾ inches long; long front feet larger than hind feet. Note heel pad shapes, which may be identical to some domestic dog breeds.

Grey Wolf



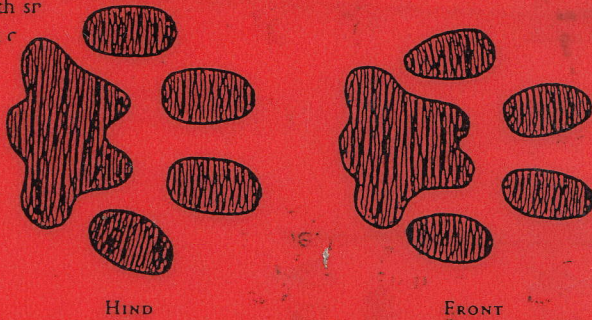
Gray wolf track patterns.



Typical mongrel dog tracks.

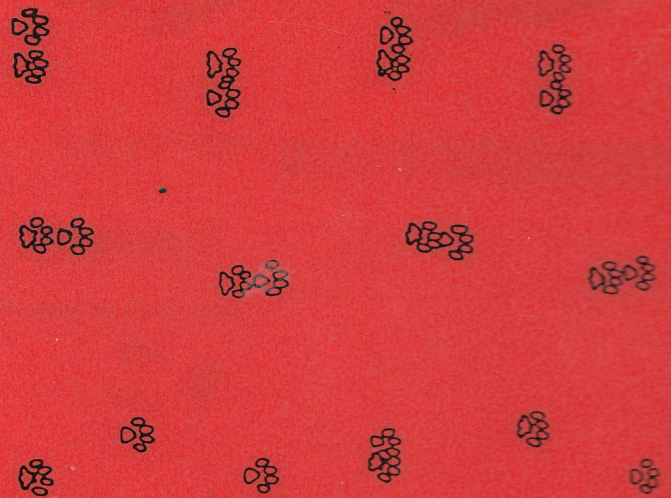
Dog

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Bobcat tracks; 1 to 2 inches long, as wide as they are long. Note that front and hind feet are approximately the same size, unlike lynx or puma.

Bobcat



Bobcat walking track patterns. Note extreme variation.