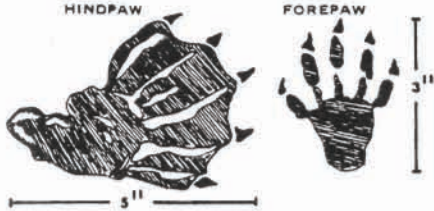


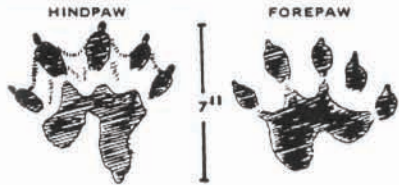
SEMQAQUATIC MAMMALS

BEAVER *Castor canadensis*
Habitat: In or near water.



Prints usually overlap, tail drag is often present, active throughout year but tracks seldom seen in winter, stay in lodge or beneath ice.

OTTER *Lutra canadensis*
Habitat: In or near water.



Active throughout year, often makes slides on mud or snow banks, belly drags in deep snow.



MUSKRAT *Ondatra obscurus*
Habitat: In or near water.

Active throughout year but tracks not usually seen in winter.



Track pattern often shows tail drag.



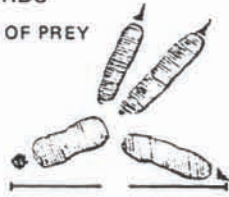
BIRDS

BIRDS OF PREY

Bald Eagle 5"

Osprey 4"

Hawks 3-2"



Great Horned Owl 3"

Snowy Owl 3"

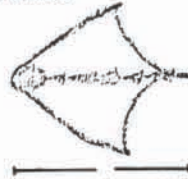


WEB-FOOTED BIRDS

Goose 4"

Sea gull, Duck 3-2"

Tern or Sterin 2-1"



GAME BIRDS

Ruffed Grouse
Spruce Grouse

Willow Ptarmigan
Rock Ptarmigan



ON HARD MATERIAL

PTARMIGAN IN WINTER

LARGE BIRDS

Crow 2-3"

Raven 3-4"



SMALL BIRDS

Chickadees, jays, robin, sparrows, crossbills, etc.



HOPPING

WALKING

ANIMAL

TRACKS

OF INSULAR NEWFOUNDLAND

Evidence of animals can be provided by foot-prints, droppings, food remnants, nests, lodges, runs, sounds, feathers, fur and the like. This pamphlet concerns itself only with the foot prints and tracks of the island's birds and mammals.

Winter is the best time of year for animal tracking, but many traces of animal life can be found during the summer months. When snow is on the ground, no animal can help but leave its traces behind for the ardent naturalist to spot. In summer, foot prints are more difficult to spot, but good prints can be found in soft soil, mud or wet sand.

IDENTIFICATION CHART

LENGTH	PROBABLE ANIMAL
Longer Than six"	Bear
6"	Otter
5"	Moose, Beaver, Hare, Eagle
4"	Lynx, Osprey, Goose, Raven
3"	Caribou, Hawk, Duck, Sea Gull
2"	Fox, Dog, Owl, Tern, Grouse, Crow, Ptarmigan, Muskrat
1"	Cat, Mink, Marten, Chipmunk, Rat
Shorter Than one"	Weasel, Mouse, Shrew, Small Birds.

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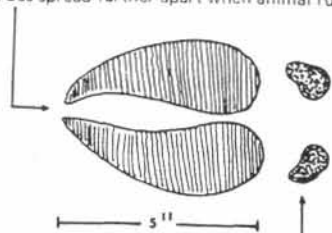
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LARGE MAMMALS

MOOSE *Alces alces*

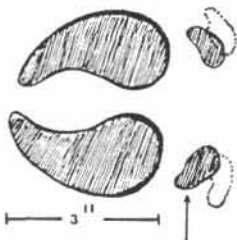
Habitat: Forests, near water.
Toes spread farther apart when animal runs.



Dewclaws; not always present in track.
Active throughout year, more pointed than caribou.
Fore- and hindhooves similar.

CARIBOU *Rangifer tarandus*

Habitat: Woodland, open country, barrens.
Forehoof slightly larger than hind, active throughout year, more curved than moose.



Dewclaws tend to turn at right angles to line of travel as speed increases.

BLACK BEAR *Ursus americanus*

Habitat: Forests, river valleys, garbage dumps.
Usually not active during winter.

FOREPAW

HINDPAW



Heel pad of forepaw does not always register.

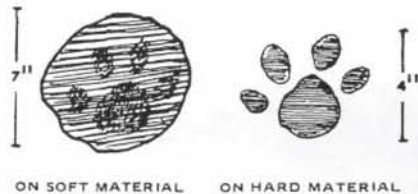
CATS and DOGS

CAT FAMILY

(Claws do not usually make a print.)

LYNX *Lynx canadensis*

Habitat: Forests, bogs, barrens.
Active throughout year, forepaw slightly larger than hindpaw.



DOMESTIC CAT *Felix domesticus*

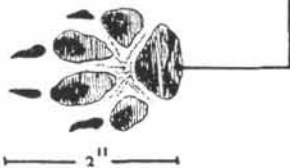
Habitat: Usually near human habitation.
Active throughout year, tracks similar to lynx but smaller, seldom wider than one inch.

DOG FAMILY

(Claws usually make a print.)

RED FOX *Vulpes fulva*

Habitat: Forests and barrens.
Active throughout year, good tracks show a ridge on pad.



Track pattern is fairly straight.



DOMESTIC DOG *Canis domesticus*

Habitat: Usually near human habitation.
Active throughout year, prints similar to fox but very variable in size



Track pattern is usually more irregular than fox.

SMALL MAMMALS

WEASEL FAMILY

(All are active throughout year.)

WEASEL or ERMINE *Mustela erminea*

Habitat: Woods, barrens, fields.
Sometimes travels beneath snow.

MINK *Mustela vison*

Habitat: Near water, streams, bogs, in woods.
In winter makes slides in snow.

PINE MARTEN *Martes americana*

Habitat: Coniferous forest.



ON SOFT MATERIAL ON HARD MATERIAL
Track pattern may vary.



HARES or RABBITS

(Both are active throughout year.)

ARCTIC HARE *Lepus arcticus*

Habitat: Barrens.
Larger track than snowshoe hare.

SNOWSHOE HARE or RABBIT *Lepus americanus*

Habitat: Wooded bogs, forest.
Smaller track than arctic hare.

FOREPAW

HINDPAW



In track pattern forepaw follows hindpaw.



SMALL MAMMALS

CHIPMUNK *Tamias striatus*

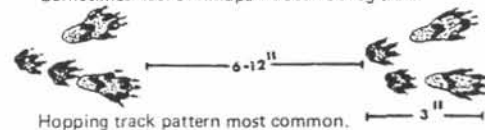
Habitat: Forest, shrub areas.
Most abundant in release area; Barchois Pond Park and Butterpot Park, seldom seen in winter.

HINDPAW

FOREPAW



Sometimes heel of hindpaw does not register.



Hopping track pattern most common.

COMMON RAT *Rattus norvegicus*

Habitat: Near human habitation.
Active throughout year.



HOUSE MOUSE *Mus musculus*

Habitat: Near human habitation.
Tracks similar to rat, but half size, active throughout year.

SHREW *Sorex cinereus*

Habitat: Wet forest and shrub areas.
Active throughout year, but usually beneath snow in winter.



In some cases tail drag will show.

FIELD MOUSE *Microtus pennsylvanicus*

Habitat: Forests, fields.
Active throughout year but usually beneath snow in winter.

