



## STATE FOREST



## WILDLIFE FIELD GUIDE

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ WEATHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TIME: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL SPECIES: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOATAL INDIVIDUALS: \_\_\_\_\_

## Guide To Animal Tracks

**WHITE-TAILED DEER**  
 2 1/2" to 3"  
 H F

**MOOSE**  
 4 1/2" to 5 1/2"  
 F 2 1/2"

**DOG** - 2 1/4" to 4"  
 H - 2 1/4"

**COYOTE**  
 F - 2"

**RED FOX**  
 H - 2"

**GRAY FOX**  
 H - 1 3/4"

**BOBCAT** - 1 7/8"  
 H - 3"

**LYNX**  
 F - 4 1/4"

**HOUSE CAT** - 1 to 2"

**OTTER** - 1 1/2"

**FISHER** - 2 1/4"

**MINK** - 1"

**WEASEL** - 1/2" to 1"

**CROW** - 2 1/2"

**TURKEY** - 4"

**RUFFED GROUSE** - 2"

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**RACCOON**  
 H - 4" F - 2 1/2"

**STRIPED SKUNK**  
 H - 2" F - 2"

**PORCUPINE**  
 H - 3 1/4" F - 2 3/4"

**BEAVER**  
 H - 6" F - 3"

**BLACK BEAR**  
 H - 7" F - 4 1/2"

**OPOSSUM**  
 H - 2" F - 1 1/4"

**WOODCHUCK**  
 H - 2 1/4" F - 2"

**MUSKRAT**  
 H - 2 1/2" F - 1 1/2"

**SNOWSHOE HARE**  
 H - 5" F - 2"

**COTTONTAIL RABBIT**  
 H - 3 1/2" F - 1"

**GRAY SQUIRREL**  
 H - 2 1/4" F - 1 1/2"

**WHITE-FOOTED MOUSE**  
 H - 1/4" F - 1/4"

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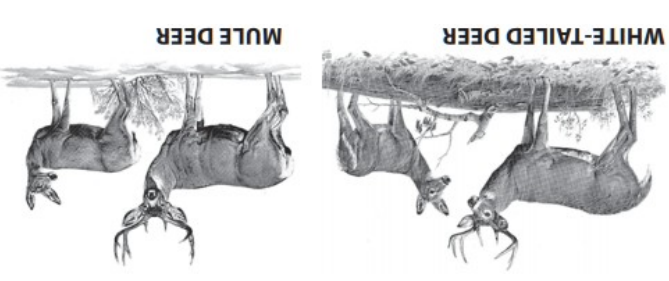
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### Wildlife Viewing Tips:

- **Time your outing** for morning or evening, when wildlife are more active
- **Wear earth-tone clothes** like gray, khaki and olive green. Animals will tolerate you better if you blend in.
- **Keep your distance**, for the safety and comfort of both animals and people. If an animal changes its behavior, stops eating or seems nervous at your presence, it's time to back away.
- **Stay quiet and still.** Noise and quick movements mean 'danger' to wildlife. They may run or fly off. Never chase or harass wildlife.
- **Look to the edges of the landscape**, because many wildlife species spend time along habitat edges.
- **Look for movement, shapes, and color contrasts.** Motion is the best giveaway
- **Use binoculars**, spotting scope or telephoto lens
- **Use car as viewing blind.** Pull safely off the road.
- **Leave your pets at home.** Pets hinder wildlife watching, they can chase, injure, or will wildlife. Or be injured themselves.
- **Do not feed wild animals.** It can change their behavior in ways that can be harmful for both them and people.

MAMMALS		Common Name	Count
<b>SHREWS</b>			
	Masked Shrew		
	Pygmy Shrew		
	Dwarf Shrew		
	Merriam's Shrew		
<b>BATS</b>			
	Little Brown Myotis		
	Big Brown Bat		
	Townsend Big-Eared Bat		
	Fringed Myotis		
<b>PIKAS, HARES AND RABBITS</b>			
	Mountain Cottontail		
	White-Tailed Jackrabbit		
<b>BEAVERS</b>			
	American Beaver		
<b>MICE, CHIMPMUNKS, SQUIRRELS, VOLES</b>			
	Deer Mouse		
	Northern Grasshopper Mouse		
	House Mouse		
	Bushy-tailed Woodrat		
	Western Jumping Mouse		
	Montane Vole		
<b>SQUIRRELS</b>			
	Least Chipmunk		
	Yellow-bellied Marmot		
	Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel		
	Wyoming Ground Squirrel		
	White-tailed Prairie Dog		
	Cliff Chipmunk		
<b>PORCUPINES</b>			
	North American Porcupine		

DOGS AND FOXES		Common Name	Count
	Coyote		
	Red Fox		
<b>BEARS</b>			
	American Black Bear		
<b>RACCOONS</b>			
	Northern Raccoon		
<b>WEASELS, OTTERS, AND BADGERS</b>			
	Short-tailed Weasel		
	Long-tailed Weasel		
	American Mink		
	American Badger		
	Northern River Otter		
	American Martin		
<b>SKUNKS</b>			
	Striped Skunk		
<b>CATS</b>			
	Mountain Lion		
	Bobcat		
	Lynx		
<b>DEER</b>			
	Elk		
	Mule Deer		
	White-Tailed Deer		
	Moose		
	Pronghorn		



**WHITE-TAILED DEER**

**MULE DEER**

AMPHIBIANS		Common Name	Count
	Western Toad		
	Boreal Chorus Frog		
	Northern Leopard Frog		
	Wood Frog		
	Barred Tiger Salamander		
<b>REPTILES</b>			
	Wandering Garter Snake		
<b>FISH</b>			
	Golden Trout		
	Brook Trout		
	Rainbow Trout		
	Brown Trout		
	Arctic Grayling		
	Colorado River Cutthroat		
	Greenback Cutthroat		



**RAINBOW TROUT**  
Black spots on a light body, red stripe along sides



**BROWN TROUT**  
Spotting patterns made up of black spots; red-orange spots inside



**BROOK TROUT**  
Pectoral, pelvic and anal fins often orange, edged with black and white; body is dark with white and red spots inside blue circles



**CUTTHROAT (NATIVE) TROUT**  
Crimson slash on either side of the throat beneath the lower jaw; he gowls spotting towards the tail



**LAKE TROUT (MACKINAW)**  
Has a white, irregular spot pattern on dark body;



**TIGER TROUT**  
Cross between a brown trout and a brook trout; prominent stripes on body, resembling a tiger