

Critter Scene Investigation

Take a walk outside and you will see them... signs! Wildlife leave all kinds of signs for us to let us know what animals are out there and what they are doing. Sometimes we see tracks, scat, body parts (turtle shell or deer antler), or evidence of feeding or eating (chewed leaf, acorn shell or a pile of fur). Other times we can smell them (skunk or fox). Still other times, we are lucky enough to actually see the animal!

Using the clues below, try to figure out what animals were at each scene and what happened.

BEAVER

front hind

Size (actual life size)
Front: 2.5 - 4 in. L; 2 - 3.5 in. W
Hind: 5 - 7 in. L; 3.3 - 5.3 in. W

BOBCAT

front hind no claws visible

Size (actual life size)
Front and Hind: 1.8 - 2.5 in. L
1.8 - 2.5 in. W

COTTONTAIL RABBIT

front hind

Size (actual life size)
Front: 1 - 1.5 in. L; 0.8 - 1.3 in. W
Hind: 3 - 3.5 in. L; 1 - 1.5 in. W

COYOTE

hind front claws visible

Size (actual life size)
Front and Hind: 2 - 3.2 in. L
1.4 - 2.4 in. W

DEER MOUSE

front hind

Size (actual life size)
Front: 0.3 - 0.4 in. L; 0.3 - 0.4 in. W
Hind: 0.3 - 0.5 in. L; 0.3 - 0.4 in. W

DUCK

Size (actual life size)
2.2 - 3 in. L; 2 - 3 in. W
depends on the specific species

FOX SQUIRREL

front hind

Size (actual life size)
Front: 1 - 1.9 in. L; 1 - 1.7 in. W
Hind: 2 - 3.3 in. L; 1.5 - 1.9 in. W

GREAT BLUE HERON

Size (actual life size)
5 - 7 in. L
3.5 - 5 in. W

GREAT HORNED OWL

Size (actual life size)
3.25 - 4.75 in. L
2.3 - 3 in. W

MUSKRAT

front hind

Size (actual life size)
Front: 1.1 - 1.5 in. L; 1.1 - 1.5 in. W
Hind: 1.6 - 3.2 in. L; 1.5 - 2.1 in. W

OPOSSUM

front hind

Size (actual life size)
Front: 2 - 2.3 in. L; 2 - 2.3 in. W
Hind: 2.5 - 3 in. L; 2 - 3 in. W

RACCOON

front hind

Size (actual life size)
Front: 1.1 - 1.5 in. L; 1.1 - 1.5 in. W
Hind: 1.6 - 3.2 in. L; 1.5 - 2.1 in. W

SNAPPING TURTLE

front hind

Size (actual life size)
Front and Hind: up to 4 in. L
up to 4 in. W

STRIPED SKUNK

front hind

Size (actual life size)
Front: 1.5 - 2.2 in. L; 1 - 1.5 in. W
Hind: 1.5 - 2.5 in. L; 1 - 1.5 in. W

WHITE-TAILED DEER

Size (actual life size)
Front and Hind: 3 - 3.2 in. L
1.4 - 2.4 in. W

WILD TURKEY

Size (actual life size)
3.5 - 5 in. L
4 - 5.25 in. W



* Tracks not to scale.

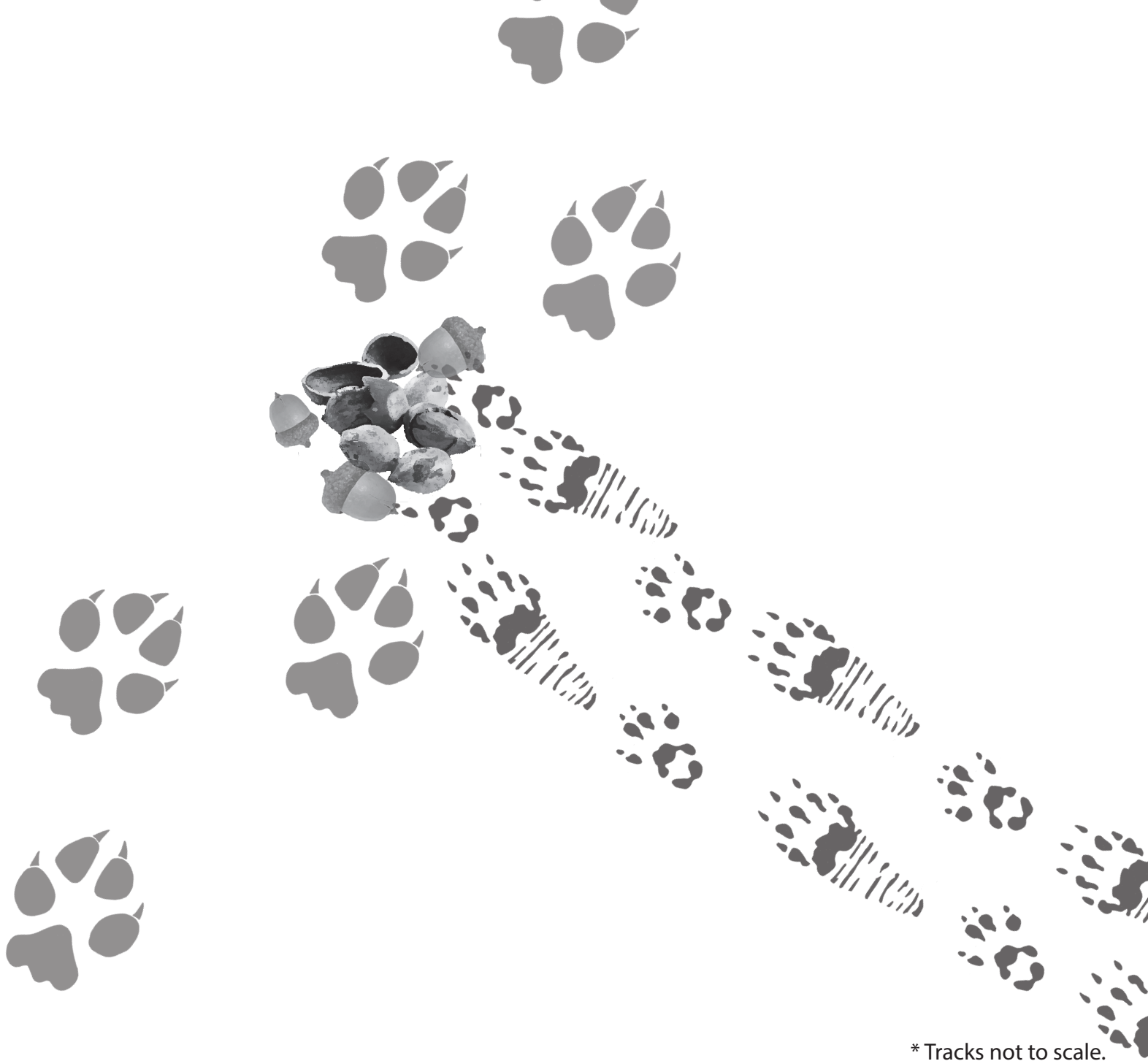
Critter Scene Investigation: SCENE 1



Your Name: _____

Who was involved? _____

What Happened? _____



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Critter Scene Investigation: SCENE 2



Your Name: _____

Who was involved? _____

What Happened? _____



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Critter Scene Investigation: SCENE 3



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What Happened? _____



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Critter Scene Investigation: SCENE 4



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Who was involved? _____

What Happened? _____



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Critter Scene Investigation: SCENE 5



Your Name: _____

Who was involved? _____

What Happened? _____
