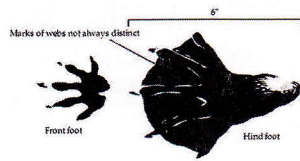
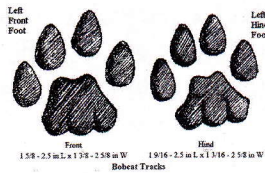


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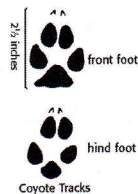
Beaver (*Castor canadensis*)

The beaver is the largest North American rodent. An aquatic species that has a flat scaly tail and webbed hind feet. Known for cutting down trees. These are used for a food source and to build lodges.



Bobcat (*Lynx rufus*)

The bobcat lives throughout Alabama. Weights vary from 20 to 45 pounds. They are carnivores or meat eaters. A short stubby tail with 2-3 black bars and black tip gives them their name.



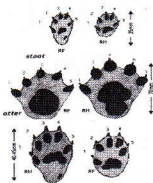
Coyote (*Canis latrans*)

A member of the canine family, this carnivore is statewide in distribution. Occupies most habitats including urban areas. Diet varies seasonally. research indicates a top predator on white-tail deer and fawns.



Gray Fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*)

Smaller than red fox-average weight 9-11 pounds. Preferred habitat such as woodlands and pine thickets. Diet similar to red fox. Gray fox have the ability to "climb" trees.



Mink (*Mustela vison*)

A member of the weasel family, this furbearer lives around rivers, streams, lakes and ponds. They are primarily nocturnal. The mink is strictly a carnivore.



Muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*)

Muskrat is a small aquatic animal that weights vary from 1-5 pounds. They are strictly herbivore. They have a distinctive tail that is long, hairless and vertically flattened.