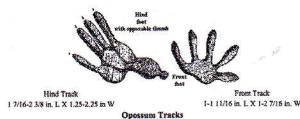
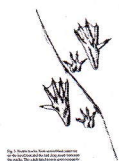


Alabama Furbearer Facts



Opossum (*Didelphis virginianus*)

The only "pouched" marsupial on the North American continent. Grizzled grey in color with a prehensile tail. They have an opposable thumb on back foot. An opossum is an omnivore.



Nutria (*Myocastor coypus*)

A nutria is an aquatic rodent introduced from South America. Often mistaken as a small beaver. The tail is round and hairless. Primarily in southwest Alabama and up the Alabama and Tombigbee waterways.



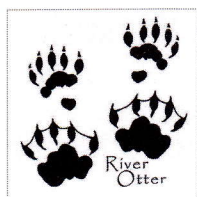
Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*)

Raccoons can be recognized by their mask and ringed tail. A common animal in Alabama. They are omnivores—they will eat anything. They have 5 elongated toes on each foot and are flat footed.



Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)

Red fox are state wide in distribution even present in urban areas. Primarily nocturnal, average home range is 3 square miles. Carnivores primarily, during the spring & summer diet includes insects and fruit.



River Otter (*Lontra canadensis*)

The river otter is a member of the weasel family and is found throughout the state. Common along streams, rivers, ponds and marshlands. Strictly a carnivore.



Striped Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*)

Striped skunk is a small animal about the size of a domestic cat. It lives throughout the state, more common in north Alabama and the Blackbelt region. Weighs approximately 3 pounds. Is an omnivore.

Special note: Long-tailed weasel and Spotted skunk are both protected species in Alabama

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