Coyote	Red Fox	Striped Skunk	Weasel
Canis latrans	Vulpes fulva	Mephitis mephitis	Mustela sp.
2 1/2" 2 1/2"	2 1/2" 1/2 size	5 1/2" 1/2 size	13"
carnivore; dens in	carnivore; dens in underground burrows; beds in sheltered areas; gives off skunk-scented urine	omnivore; dens in	carnivore; dens in
underground burrows		underground burrows or	underground burrows or
with large openings; lives		other sheltered places;	other sheltered places;
in grassland or woodland		leaves shallow feeding	lives in meadows and
areas		holes about 2" in diameter	woods

Little Brown Bat Myotis lucifugus Shrew Sorex sp. insectivore; roosts in hollow trees, buildings, and bat houses in urban areas; hibernates during winter shelter under brush

You Are What You Eat

Where an animal lives, how it acts, and what kind of feeding signs it leaves depend largely on what it eats.

herbivores - eat mostly plants

carnivores - eat mostly other animals

omnivores - eat both plants and animals

insectivores - eat insects and small invertebrates

Check it Out

If you would like to know more about the mammals who live at Havenwoods, check out these books at your local library.

Animal Tracks

Animal Tracks by Olaus J. Murie from the Peterson Field Guide Series or Animal Tracking & Behavior by Donald and Lillian Stokes

Mammal Reference

Mammals by William Burt and Richard Grossenheider from the Peterson Field Guide Series

Just for Kids

Crinkleroot's Book of Animal Tracks and Wildlife Signs by Jim Arnosky

Havenwoods' Mammal Residents

This list includes all the mammals known to live at Havenwoods. However, because mammals are so secretive, we aren't even sure what else lives here! Havenwoods has the right habitat for animals such as badgers, mink, flying squirrels, and moles. Because we've never seen them or their signs, they are not included on this list.

As you hike, keep track of the signs you see and report any unusual sightings to the staff.





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Mammal Species List



Mammals

From white-tailed deer to white-footed mice, Havenwoods is home to quite a few mammals. Some, like the coyote, probably roam through Havenwoods as they search for food. Others, like cottontail rabbits, find everything they need in just a few acres.

Although their needs and habits are varied, mammals have two things in common. They all have hair or fur on their bodies, and they all nurse their young with milk.

So. . . where are they?

Even though all of the mammals in this list are found here at Havenwoods, you might hike here every day and never see them. Don't get discouraged; consider it a challenge and follow these hints for finding mammals and their signs.

Look for signs everywhere!

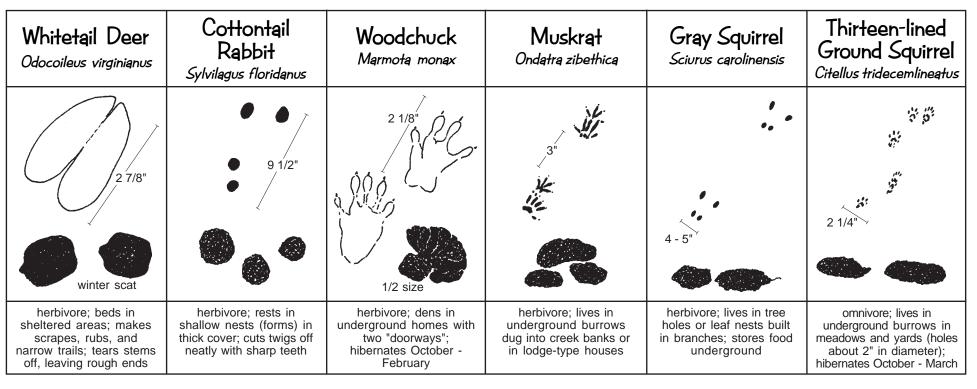
Unlike some birds and butterflies that flash bright colors, mammals often blend into the background. You might have to settle for seeing a track, a hole in the ground, a place where a mammal had lunch, or the droppings (scat) of the animal.

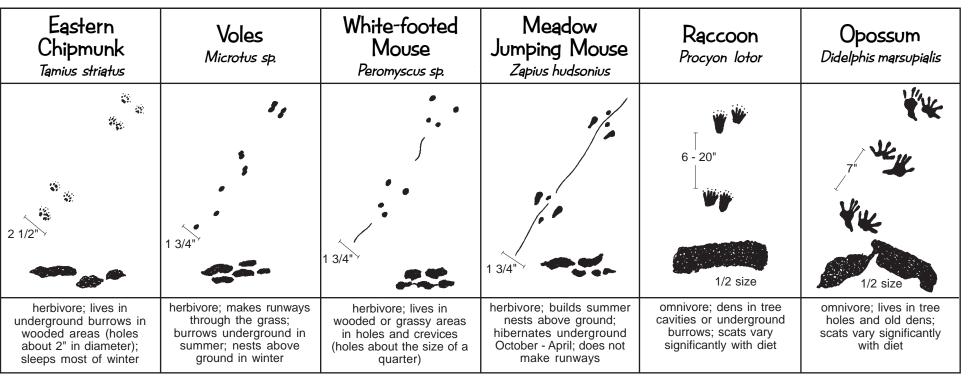
Timing is everything

Most mammals are active when we are not. To see the most mammals, come at dusk and dawn.

Go slowly & silently

Mammals use their excellent senses to protect themselves from danger. They will usually see, hear, and smell us before we have a chance to see them. You must move slowly and silently or else be very lucky!





Scats (droppings) are shown actual size unless otherwise noted.