Animal Clue Decoder

Clues can be **tracks** with:

2 toes

Usually hoofed animals like deer

3 toes facing front

Birds

4 toes with claws

Dog family, like coyote, fox, wolf or domestic dog

4 toes, no claws

Cat family (can hide claws), like bobcat, or domestic cat

5 toes

Rodents (mice, squirrels, beavers), weasels, skunks, raccoons, badgers, groundhogs

Clues can be **other signs**:

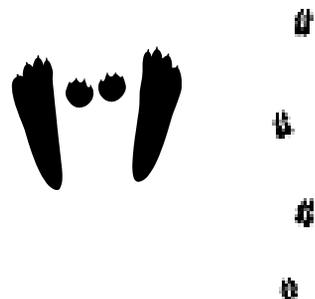### Scat (poop) or owl pellets

Look at shape, size, contents, location

Food left behind

Think about what animal eats it (nut shells, berries, bark, plant parts, prey animal parts)

Track size and walking pattern

Big or small animal? Hopping, bounding, walking, running, shuffling? Tail marks?