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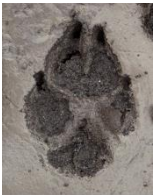
Scavenger Hunt: Evidence of Animals

Coppell Nature Park is home to many wild plants and animals. What are some differences between a wild and domestic animal? What kinds of wild animals do you think live in Coppell Nature Park? Wild animals avoid interaction with humans, so we rarely see them. More often, we observe evidence that an animal has been here. As you explore the trails of Coppell Nature Park, look for evidence of animals! Then write some observations below.

SOUNDS We often hear animals before we can see them. Each animal makes a unique sound. Learning different animal calls is like learning a new language! You may also hear a small animal scurry away through the brush as you pass by. Listen closely, do you hear an animal? What animal do you think it was? What do you think it was doing?



TRACKS Each type of animal has a unique footprint! You can see where an animal has been walking by following its tracks. Look closely at the ground on the trails, do you see any tracks? What kind of animal do you think made these tracks? Why was it here?



SCAT Scat is the biological term for animal poop! Examining scat can provide clues about what the animal eats. If the scat contains fur, the animal is likely a carnivore (eats other animals). If the scat contains seeds, the animal is likely an herbivore (eats only plants). If you see some scat, can you tell if the animal has been eating plants or other animals?



HOMES Each type of animals builds unique home. Materials may include grass, twigs, leaves, mud, silk, and wax. Look for nests, webs, burrows, tree cavities and dens. Do you see any animal homes? What materials did they use?

