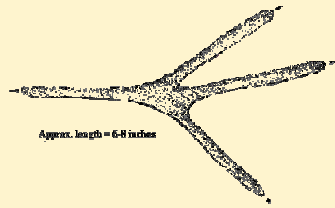


# Birds



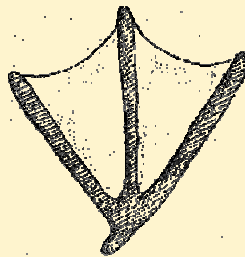
Approx. length = 6-8 inches

**Great Blue Heron**  
*Ardea herodias*

Habitat: rivers, lake edges, marshes, saltwater seacoasts, and swamps

Diet: reptiles, amphibians, small mammals, aquatic invertebrates

Range: throughout North and Central America



**Ducks**



**Mallard**  
*Anas platyrhynchos*



**Black Duck**  
*Anas rubripes*  
**Green-Winged Teal**  
*Anas carolinensis*

# Other Signs



**Fiddler Crabs**  
*Uca sp.*

Left: crab tracks in the marsh  
Right: fiddler crab burrows and sand balls created as the crabs search for food

## Watching for Wildlife

*Tips on animal viewing*

- Stay Quiet: Many animals have the ability to hear sounds that we humans can barely recognize. When you're outdoors remember to walk and talk softly, lessening the chance of scaring away the wildlife.
- Dress like Nature: Animals use camouflage, so can you! Dress in browns, greens, and grays to make yourself less obvious to wildlife.
- Stay Away: Frequently we want to get "up close" to wild creatures, but remember that this can cause them to flee or, in rare cases, attempt to defend their territory. Maintain a safe distance from the creatures you view at all times.
- Have Fun: Enjoy watching animals and appreciate the incredible moments you get to see when you take the time to look and listen!

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# Mammals



**Bobcat**

*Lynx ruffus floridanus*

Habitat: forests, pinelands, swamps, marshes  
Diet: rabbits, squirrels, small mammals, and birds  
Range: throughout North America

# Mammals



**Gray Fox**

*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*

Habitat: forests, fields, marshes  
Diet: small mammals, birds, insects, nuts, berries  
Range: southern Canada through South America

# Mammals



**River Otter**

*Lutra canadensis*

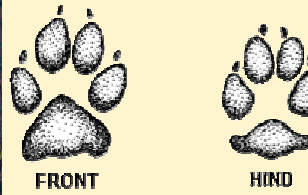
Habitat: rivers, estuaries, marshes  
Diet: fish, shellfish, amphibians, turtles, eggs  
Range: throughout North America



**Common (Northern) Raccoon**

*Procyon lotor*

Habitat: urban areas, forests  
Diet: crabs, berries, fish, eggs, mice, garbage  
Range: southern Canada to southern Mexico



**Coyote**

*Canis latrans*

Habitat: urban areas, forests, marshes  
Diet: wide range of mammals, birds, eggs  
Range: throughout North America



**Marsh Rabbit**

*Sylvilagus palustris*

Habitat: forests, marshes  
Diet: plants, grasses  
Range: Atlantic and Gulf Coastal plains