

Animal Detectives

Get out your magnifying glass and go out on an adventure to become an animal detective, searching for animal evidence. What clues can you spot?

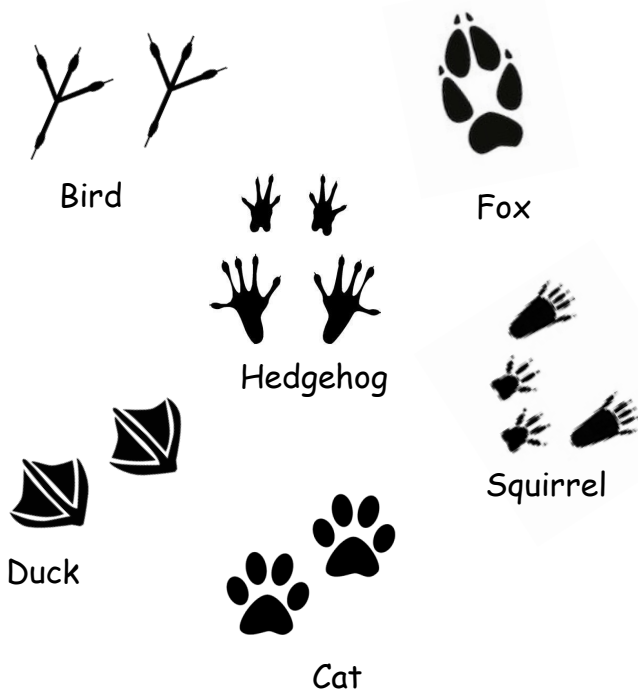


Tracks and Trails

You can track animals from their footprints in the mud or snow. The Woodland Trust have a great footprints [spotter sheet](#).

If you know that foxes or hedgehogs visit your garden, put out some food for them (cat or dog food) and leave some sand around the food. Check first thing in the morning for footprints in the sand.

Here are some footprints to look out for:



Make a Tumble Trap



Many minibeasts are more active at night to avoid being eaten by birds and other predators.

You will need:
A yoghurt pot/ jar and a trowel.

Dig a hole in the earth and bury your yoghurt pot or jar so that the top is level with the top of the soil. Cover with a log or stone, making sure there is a bit of a gap. Leave it overnight and see what tumbles in. Surrey Wildlife Trust have a good [activity sheet](#) to show you how.

Salt Dough Prints

Use this [recipe](#) to make salt dough at home. Form into balls and flatten using your hands or a rolling pin.

- Make a hand print
- Use your fingers or tools to copy some footprints
- Use found objects to make different patterns, like pine cones or stones
- Press onto a tree and see what print the tree makes

Leave your prints to air dry or dry in the oven on low for a few hours.

Animal Evidence



Take a stroll to your local park or green space, take a collecting bag, magnifying glass and camera. Can you spot any evidence of animals?



Match the animal to the evidence

You can also look for animal [poo](#)! Please don't pick it up or touch it though!