



**White-tailed deer**  
*(Odocoileus virginianus)*



**Track:** 2-3 inches long, 1.5-2.5 inches wide.

**Description:** White fur on belly, around eyes and nose, and spots on hind legs, along with distinguishing white bottom of tail. Red, brown or grey coat. Male deer have antlers.

**Diet:** Twigs, leaves, grasses, grains, mushroom, fruit, bark.



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## Winter Wildlife



**Moose (*Alces alces*)**



**Description:** Largest member of the deer family. Dark brown with long legs, large nose, shoulder hump and beard. Males have large antlers. Weigh between 200-800 kg.

**Diet:** Twigs, broadleaf plants and bark of shrubs and trees, as well as aquatic vegetation.

**Snowshoe hare (*Lepus americanus*)**

**Description:** Very large hind feet. Brown fur in summer; white fur in winter. Average weight is 1.5 kg.

**Diet:** Juicy plants in summer, trees and woody shrubs in winter.

**Track:** Oval shaped prints in 'Y' shaped stride. Front feet: 2-3 inches long and 1-2.25 inches wide. Back feet: 3.25-6 inches long and 1.5-5 inches wide.



**Coyote (*Canis latrans*)**



**Track:** 2-3 inches long, 1.5 – 2.5 inches wide.

**Description:** Smaller than wolf, with thin legs and pointy, fox-like nose. Grey colouring helps blend into surroundings. Average weight 13kg, with males slightly heavier than females.

**Diet:** Hare, squirrels, beaver, voles, mice, birds, insects, berries, fruits, and unprotected young of larger mammals.



**Snowy owl (*Bubo scandiacus*)**

**Description:** White or white flecked with black. Average height is 60 cm.

**Diet:** Hare, mice, and other small mammals and birds.

**Track:** Wing print from landing in snow to attack prey.



**Vole (*Microtis spp.*)**

**Description:** Round head with small ears and eyes. Stout body with a short hairy tail.

**Diet:** Seeds and grains.

**Track:** Less than one inch long in paired hopping pattern. Tail will occasionally leave a mark.

