

A collage of five wildlife images. At the top center is a quail with brown and yellow mottled feathers. To the right is a large brown deer with prominent antlers standing in a green forest. At the bottom left is a turkey with its tail feathers fanned out. In the middle left is a brown rabbit with large upright ears. At the bottom right is a grey and brown wolf walking through a snowy forest.

# Wildlife Detective Training

*Discover who is in **your** classroom!*

# WILDLIFE DETECTIVES

## ► What is a detective?

Someone who uses clues to solve mysteries

## ► What is wildlife?

Animals that live in the wild

Can you think of your favorite examples?

## ► What kind of clues can we use to find animals?

Tracks, colors and sounds



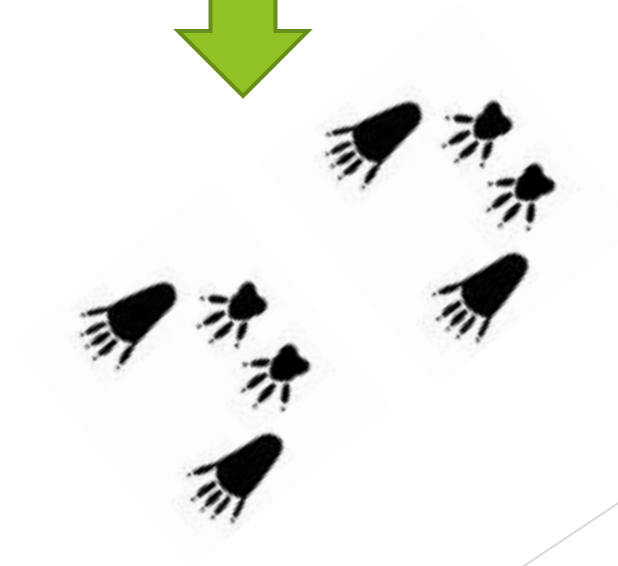
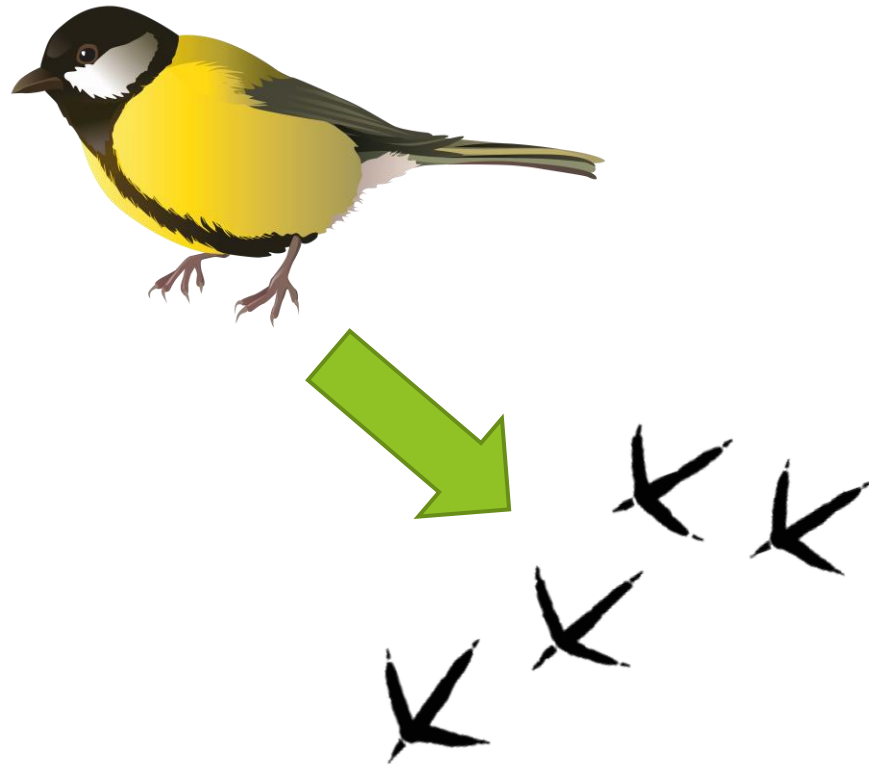
# Clues - TRACKS!

- ▶ What happens when you step in the mud?



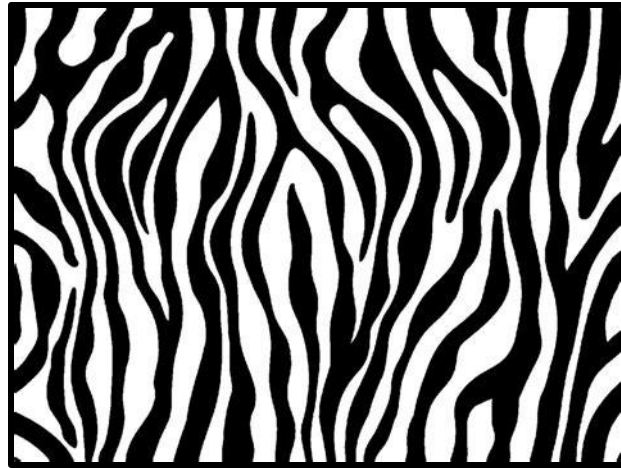
# Clues - TRACKS!

► *Animals leave tracks too!*



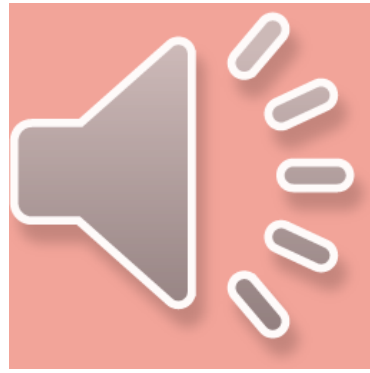
# Clues - COATS AND COLOR!

- ▶ Animals have unique coats and colors
- ▶ Do you recognize who some of the coats belong to?



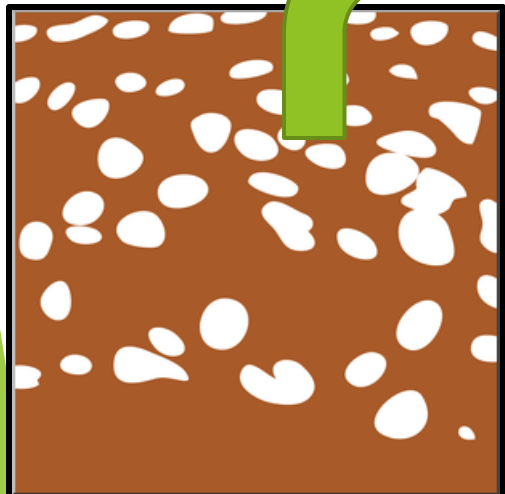
# Clues - SOUNDS!

- ▶ Just like people, animals make noises too!
- ▶ Different animals have different sounds that they make
- ▶ Can you guess who makes these sounds?



# Mystery #1

- Why are there two sets of tracks?
- Why is one smaller than the other?
- Why are the coat patterns different?

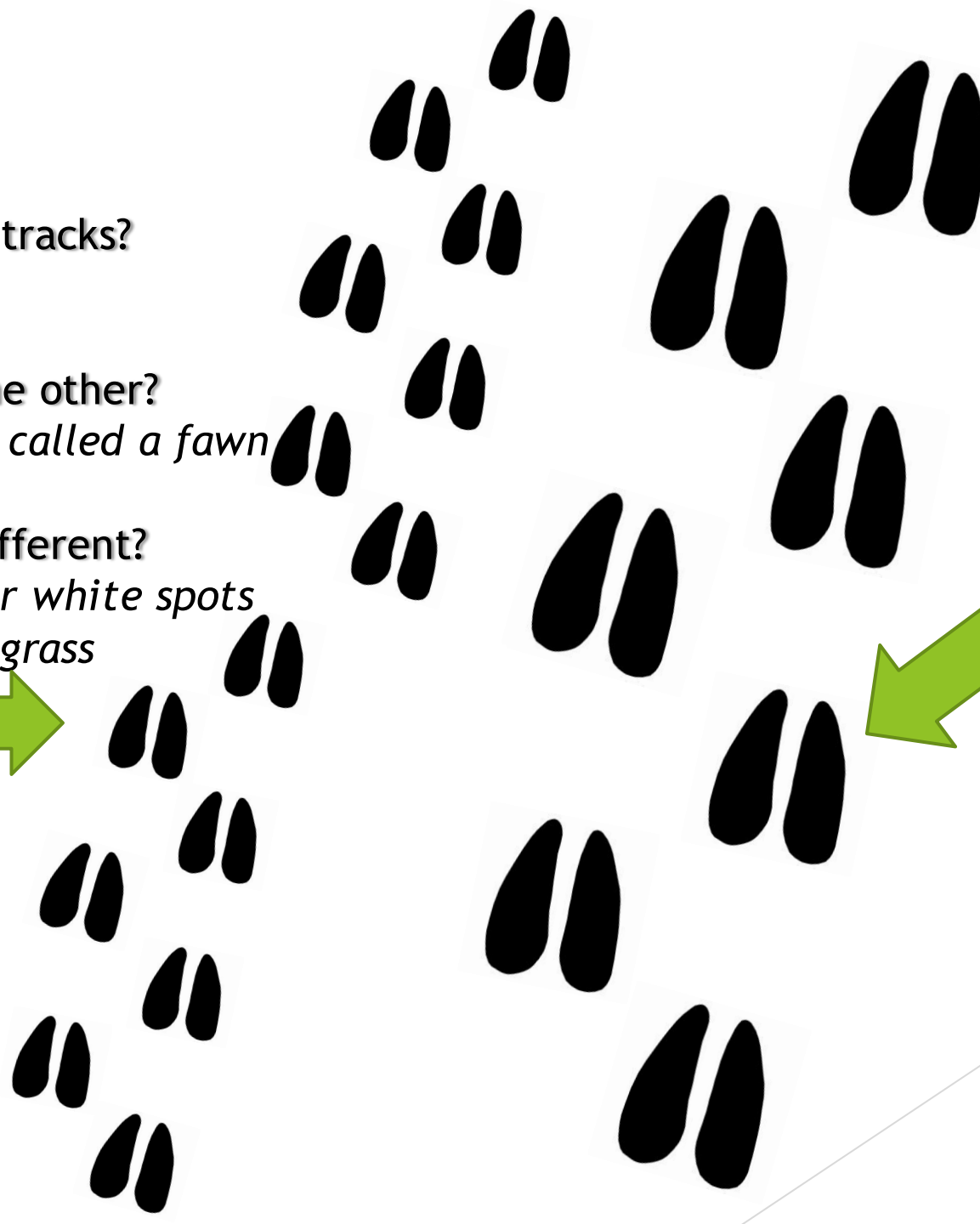


# Mystery #1

➤ Why are there two sets of tracks?  
*Two animals have left tracks*

➤ Why is one smaller than the other?  
*One is a baby. A baby deer is called a fawn*

➤ Why are the coat colors different?  
*Fawns are camouflaged, their white spots help them blend in with the grass*



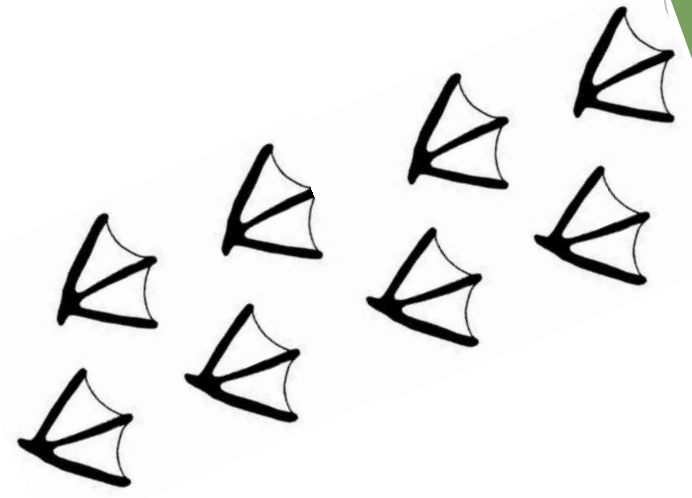
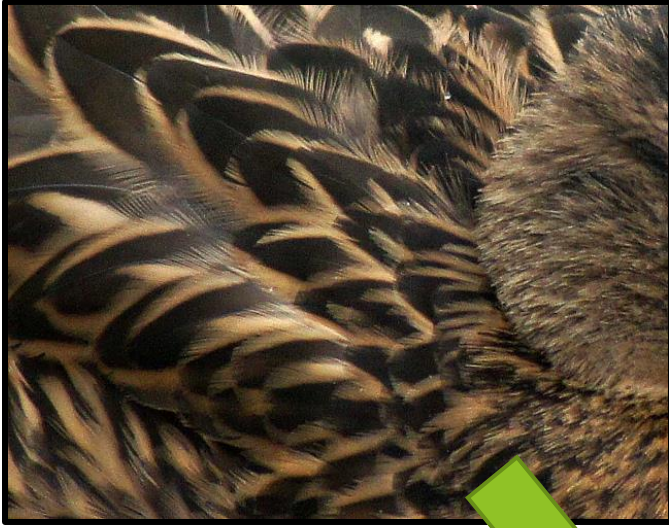


# Mystery #1 Baby Animals

- *Sometimes, parent and baby animals stay together until the baby is full grown. This improves the chances of the baby surviving*
- *How do parents help their babies stay alive?*



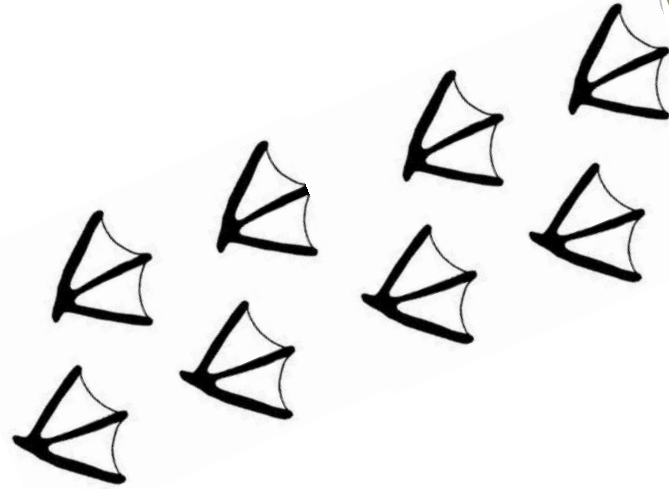
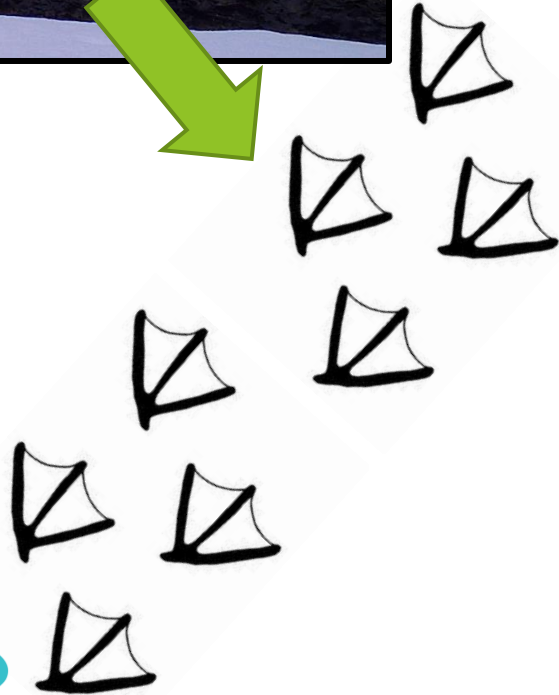
# Mystery #2



- Why do the tracks come from a pond?
- Why do they disappear and reappear?
- Does the animal have fur or feathers?



# Mystery #2



- Why do the tracks come from a pond?  
*The animal can swim*
- Why do they disappear and reappear?  
*The animal can also fly!*
- Does the animal have fur or feathers?  
*Ducks have feathers, not fur*

## Mystery #2 Locomotion

- *Some animals can walk, swim AND fly. The way that we move is called “locomotion”*
- *What parts of the duck allow it to swim and fly?*



## Mystery #3



- Why are there two sets of tracks, are they the same or different?
- Why does one set of tracks disappear?

## Mystery #3



- Why are there two sets of tracks, are they the same or different?

*There are two animals, but not the same kind*

- Why does one set of tracks disappear?

*Red foxes sometimes eat rabbits*

# Mystery #3 Predators and Prey

- **Predators** are animals that eat other animals to stay alive
- **Prey** are animals that are eaten by predators
- Rabbits are prey for red fox predators
- What other examples of predators and prey and you think of?





*Congratulations!*

*You have cracked  
the cases! Thanks for  
your hard work,*

**Wildlife  
Detective!**

