



# Illinois' Wild Mammals – Binder Contents Checklist Key

## IDNR Lending Trunks promo sheets

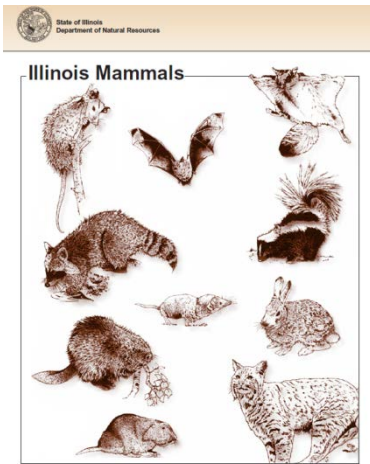


### Illinois Wild Mammals resources trunk

Are you teaching about mammals? Then borrow the **Illinois Wild Mammals Trunk!** Field guides, furs, skulls, rubber tracks, rubber scat, lessons, CD-ROMs and other items are included for your use. For a listing of lending locations near you, visit our Web site at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education>. Suggested grades: PreK – 8 but can be modified for other grade levels. Correlations to Illinois and national learning standards are included.



## Illinois Mammals activity book



## Illinois Biodiversity CD-ROM activities sheet



**Section 1: What is Biodiversity?**  
**What's Your Biodiversity IQ?**  
 Take a "pre-who quiz" to find out how much you know about biodiversity, especially in Illinois.  
**LEARNING STANDARDS:** English language arts: Writing Standards for Literacy in Science, Production and Distribution of Writing, 4; science: MS-L52-5

**Staining Up Species**  
 Classify organisms using a classification flow chart, play a team game to find out how many species may exist within different groups of organisms, and make a graph to illustrate the relative abundance of living things.  
**LEARNING STANDARDS:** science: MS-L53-5

**Backyard BioBits**  
 Assess an ecoregional survey, then take a firsthand look at biodiversity in your community.  
**LEARNING STANDARDS:** English language arts: Writing Standards for Literacy in Science, Production and Distribution of Writing, 4; science: MS-L53-5

**The Gene Scene**  
 Play several different games that introduce genetic diversity and highlight why it's important within populations.  
**LEARNING STANDARDS:** science: MS-L54-4, MS-L54-3

**Section 2: Why is Biodiversity Important?**  
**The Nature of Poetry**  
 Read and discuss several poems related to biodiversity, then write original biodiversity poetry.  
**LEARNING STANDARDS:** English language arts: Writing Standards for Literacy in Science, Production and Distribution of Writing, 10

**The Spice of Life**  
 Explore beliefs and values about why biodiversity is important and why it should be protected.  
**LEARNING STANDARDS:** English language arts: Writing Standards for Literacy in Science, Production and Distribution of Writing, 4; science: MS-L53-5

**Secret Services**  
 Perform simulations that demonstrate some of the important ecosystem services that biodiversity provides.  
**LEARNING STANDARDS:** science: MS-L52-5

## Illinois Biodiversity Basics promo page

### Illinois Biodiversity Basics

a biodiversity education program of  
 Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
 Chicago Wilderness  
 World Wildlife Fund

Adapted from *Biodiversity Basics*, © 1995, a publication of World Wildlife Fund Windows on the Wild biodiversity education program.

**Illinois Biodiversity Basics** lessons may be accessed at the following Web page.  
[http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/Documents/BioBasics\\_publication.pdf](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/Documents/BioBasics_publication.pdf)

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## Mamíferos de Illinois activity book promo page

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## Mamíferos de Illinois del pasado activity book promo page

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El personaje gigante de Jefferson

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<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/publications/documents/00000564.pdf>

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## Mammals from Illinois' Past activity book

### Mammals from Illinois' Past

JEFFERSON'S GROUND SLOTH  
*Megalonyx jeffersonii*

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Online Resources page

**Online Resources**

**Lesson Plans and Student Activities**  
Lesson plans, background information, student activities, ideas and other resources are part of the teaching units produced by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). Aquatics, birds, wild mammals, trees and biodiversity are the topics currently available. Scan the code or visit the following Web address to access this information.

<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/Pages/LessonPlans.aspx>

**Publications**  
Activity books and workbooks are included in this trunk. You should not write on these original copies, but you can use one to copy them for your own use. Scan the code or visit the following Web address to see the order form.

<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/Pages/Publications.aspx>

**Podcasts**  
Podcasts produced by the IDNR Division of Education are available on the IDNR Web site and available through iTunes. There are lesson demonstrations as well as general information podcasts. The lesson demonstrations can help you prepare and set up an activity. Podcasts can be used to review SMARTBoard™ lessons or visit the following Web page to view the information.

<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/Pages/podcasts.aspx>

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Prying into Prions: Investigating Chronic Wasting Disease lesson descriptions promo page

**Prying into Prions: Investigating Chronic Wasting Disease Lesson Descriptions**

**Prying into Prions: Investigating Chronic Wasting Disease** lesson descriptions may be accessed at the following Web page. The lessons are available from the *Prying into Prions: Investigating Chronic Wasting Disease* DVD included in this resources trunk.

<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/Pages/PryingPrions.aspx>

River Otter and Bald Eagle Finger Puppet coloring sheet

**Bald Eagle & River Otter Finger Puppets**

**Color the eagle first. The BEAK AND TAIL ARE YELLOW. FEATHERS ARE DARK BROWN AND HEAD AND NECK ARE WHITE. THEN CUT THE EAGLE OUT CAREFULLY. BE SURE TO CUT THE SLITS IN THE TAIL. FOLD TAIL DOWN AND CONNECT TABS A TO A AND T TO T. FOLD WINGS UP INTO FLIGHT POSITION.**

**Color the otter dark brown on top and light brown on the middle's light brown. Then, cut the otter out carefully. Be sure to cut the slits in the tail. Fold tail down and connect tabs A to C.**

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River Otter coloring sheet



Stop! Look! Listen brochure

**STOP! LOOK! and LISTEN!**

Are you staying tuned to the environment around you?  
Every minute of the day can be a rewarding learning lesson which teaches us about nature.  
This experience can be wonderful and joyful but also can be full of aches and pains.

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**DO YOUR PART**  
Wildlife is an important part of our environment. We need to take steps to help animals in the wild.

**Let us permit nature to have her way; she understands her business better than we do.**  
Michael de Montaigne

Suggestions for Use

**Illinois Wild Mammals Trunk Suggestions for Use**

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources' (IDNR)'s *Wild Mammals Trunk* can assist you in teaching about mammals and other topics. Below you will find some suggestions for using the items in the trunk. Please do not be limited by this short list of ideas!

- Lessons have been developed to help you use the *Illinois Wild Mammals Trunk* to meet some of the Performance Expectations of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Visit <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/Pages/WildMammals.aspx> or scan the QR code to access the information, images and lessons.
- The *Prying into Prions: Investigating Chronic Wasting Disease* DVD from the IDNR includes six lessons, a video and other supplemental resources to help you and your students explore prion diseases, including chronic wasting disease. Students learn about transmissible spongiform encephalopathies by examining the role of prionous in organisms, the chemistry and properties of prions, the genetic processes that create prionous, and how prionous can become pathogenic. Students also study how disease-causing disease is affecting Illinois' white-tailed deer herd and what control measures are being taken. The lessons are suitable for helping students meet several of the NGSS Performance Expectations at the middle school and high school levels.
- Science lessons can include using the *Trunk* items to teach about adaptations, structure and related functions, classifications and relationships between organisms.
- Social science? Yes! Use the items to show environmental factors that brought people to Illinois, influencing the development of transportation and trade. For supporters and voters we draw to the gun that is now Illinois, due to the abundance of many of the species represented in the *Trunk*. Discuss how settlers depended on and used these animals. Talk about human impacts on them.

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Un Año con la Vida Silvestre activity book promo page

**Un Año con la Vida Silvestre Activity Book**

Un Año con la Vida Silvestre

The *Un Año con la Vida Silvestre* activity book may be accessed at the following Web page.

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Wild Illinois History promo page

**Wild Illinois History**

Wild Illinois History

Wild Illinois History is a free online resource for students and teachers. It provides a comprehensive look at the history of Illinois, from its early days as a frontier to its present day as a major state. The resource includes a variety of activities, games, and videos that make learning about Illinois history fun and engaging.

Wild Illinois History is available at [www.wildillinois.com](http://www.wildillinois.com)

Wild Mammals of Illinois Unit Lessons promo page

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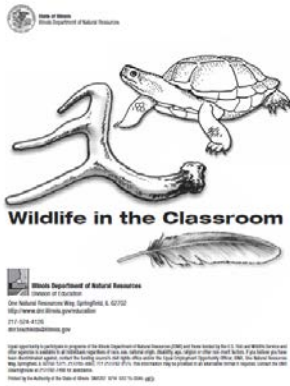
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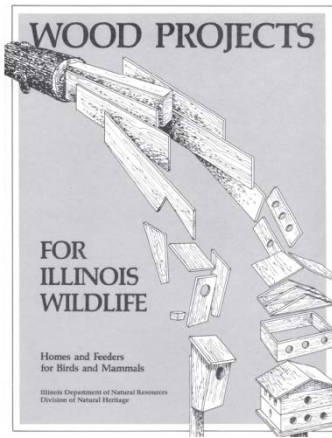
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## Wildlife in the Classroom



## Wood Projects for Illinois Wildlife booklet



# Illinois' Wild Mammals – Large Container Contents Checklist Key

coyote pelt



white-tailed deer pelt



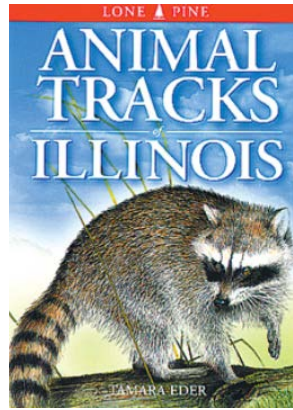
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# Illinois' Wild Mammals – Box 1 Contents Checklist Key

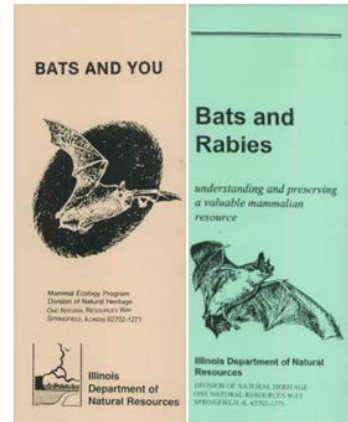
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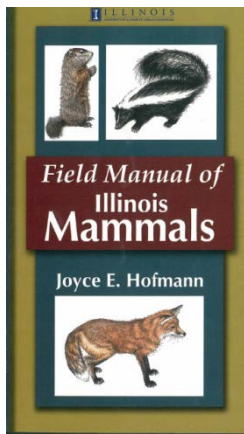
**Animal Tracks of Illinois book**



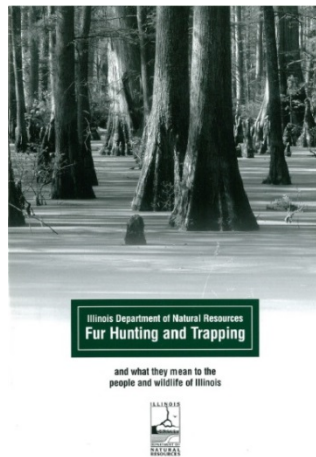
**Bats and You and Bats and Rabies brochures**



**Field Manual of Illinois Mammals book**



**Fur Hunting and Trapping booklet**



**Fur Hunting and Trapping DVD**



**Golden Guide to Mammals book**

a Golden Guide® FROM ST. MARTIN'S PRESS

## Mammals

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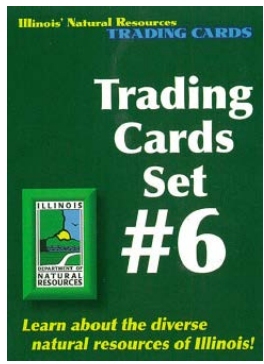
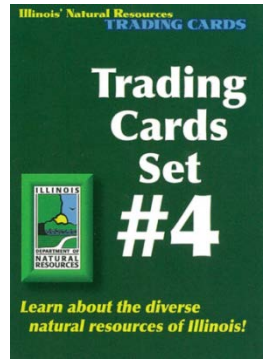
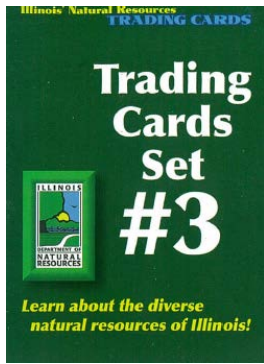
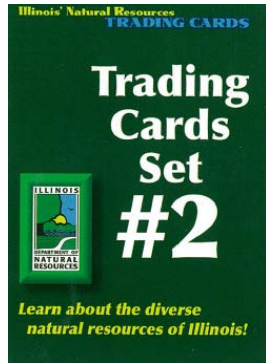
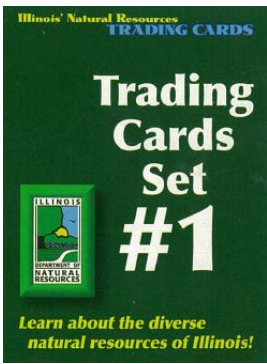


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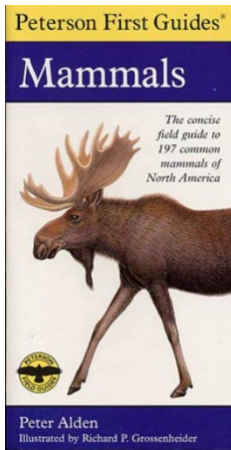


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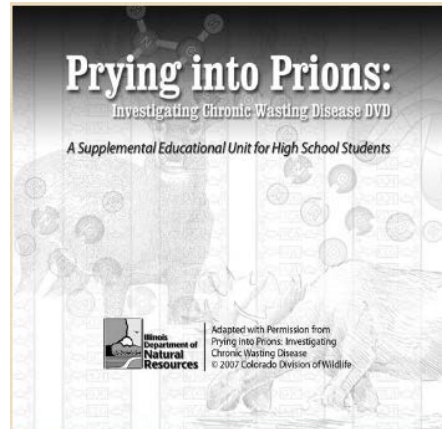
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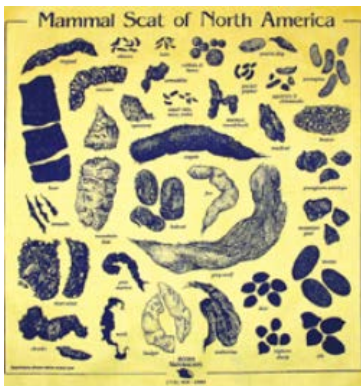
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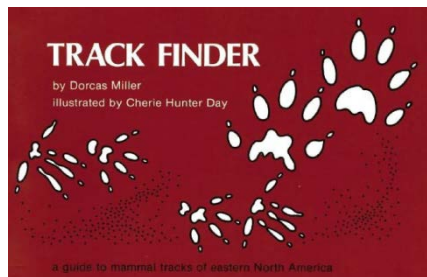
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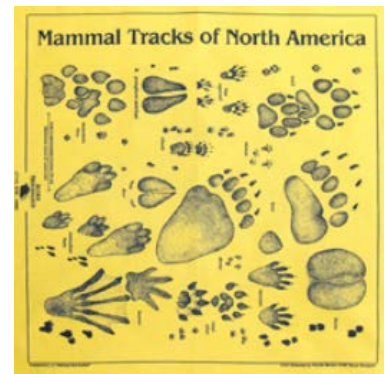
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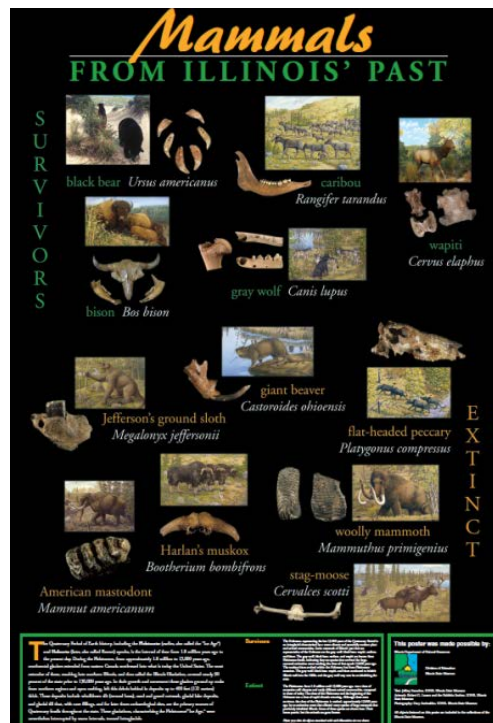
## Illinois Furbearers



## Illinois Wild Mammals



## Mammals from Illinois' Past



## Illinois' Wild Mammals – Box 2 Contents Checklist Key

**American Mink Pelt, Scat, Skull and Track ID Card** – The card is included in the box.  
The items shown on the card are also included in the box.



**Muskrat Pelt, Scat, Skull and Track ID Card** – The card is included in the box.  
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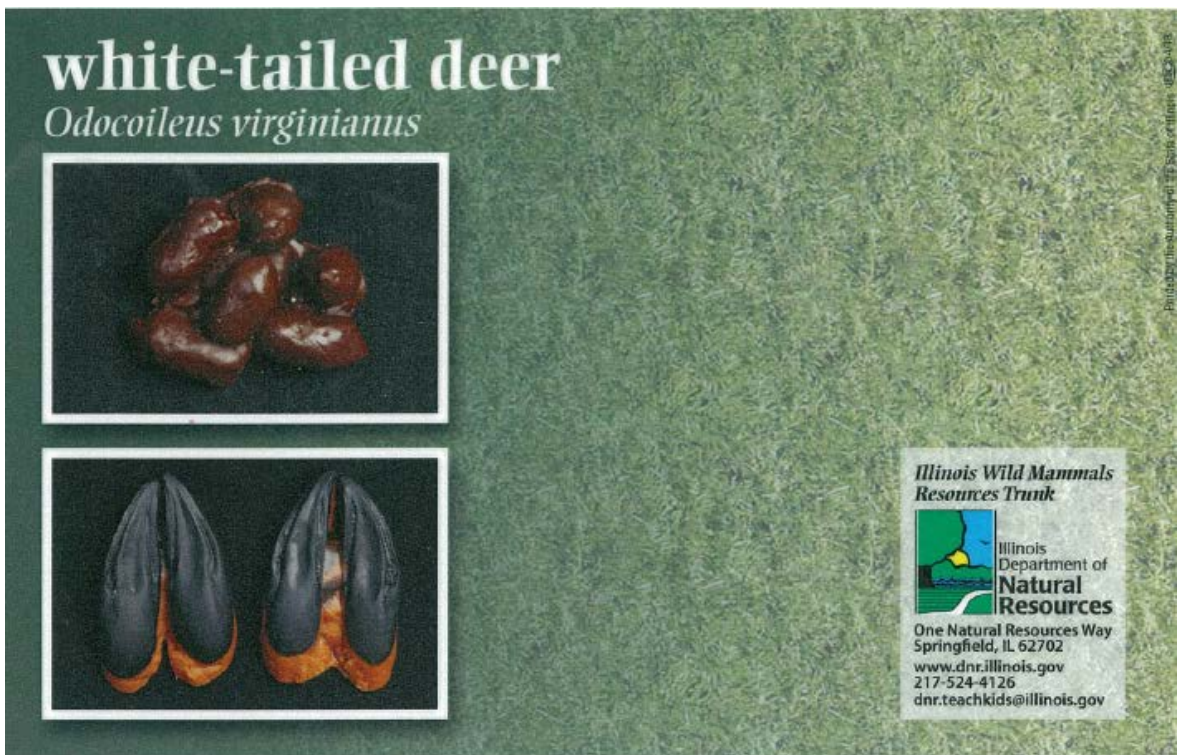


## Illinois' Wild Mammals – Box 2 Contents Checklist Key

**Squirrel Pelt, Scat, Skull and Track ID Card** – The card is included in the box.  
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**White-tailed Deer Scat and Track ID Card** – The card is included in the box.  
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**Illinois' Wild Mammals – Box 3 Contents Checklist Key**  
**American Beaver Pelt, Scat, Skull and Track ID card** – The card is included in the box.  
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**Illinois' Wild Mammals – Box 4 Contents Checklist Key**

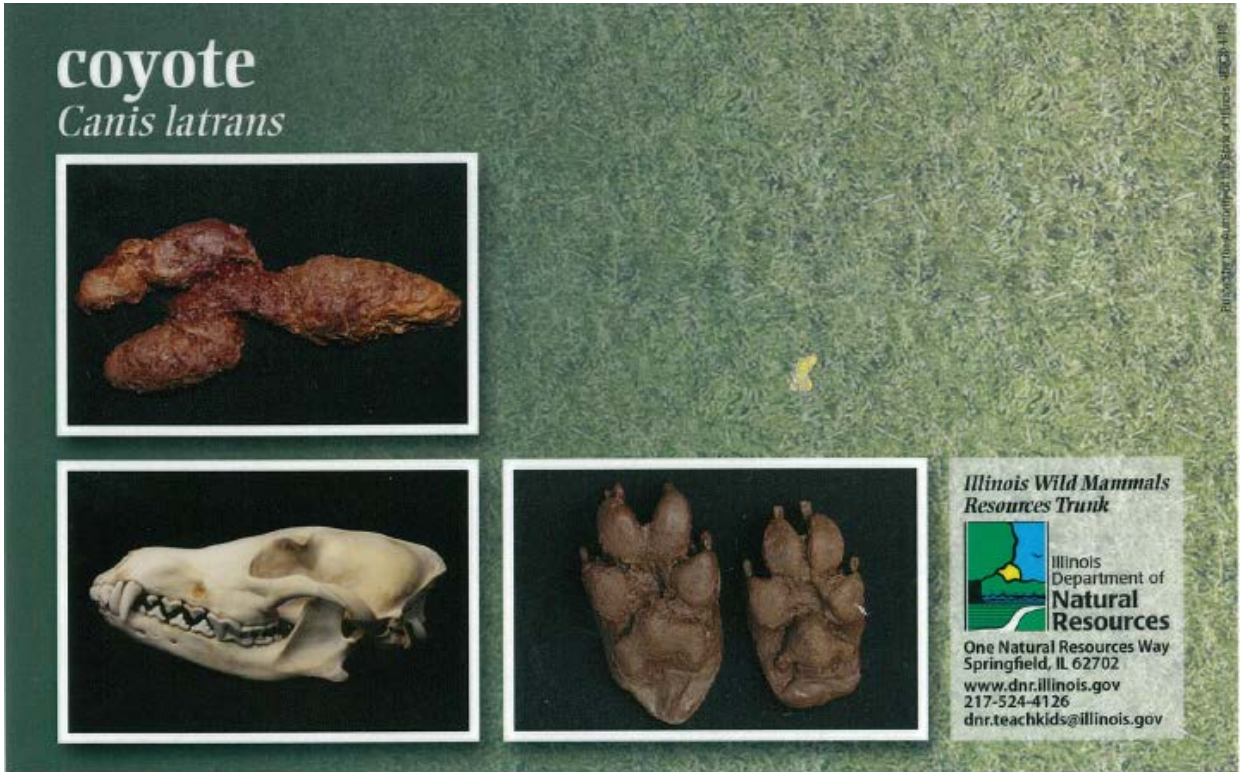
**Raccoon Pelt, Scat, Skull and Track ID Card** – The card is included in the box.  
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# Illinois' Wild Mammals – Box 5 Contents Checklist Key

*Coyote Scat, Skull and Track ID Card* – The card is included in the box.

The items shown on the card are also included in the box.



*Red Fox Pelt, Scat, Skull and Track ID Card* -- The card is included in the box. The items shown on the card are also included in the box, except the pelt. The pelt is in the large container.



**Illinois' Wild Mammals – Box 6 Contents Checklist Key**  
**Striped Skunk Pelt, Scat, Skull and Track ID Card** – The card is included in the box.  
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**striped skunk**  
*Mephitis mephitis*



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**Virginia Opossum Pelt, Scat, Skull and Track ID Card** – The card is included in the box.  
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**Virginia opossum**  
*Didelphis virginiana*



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