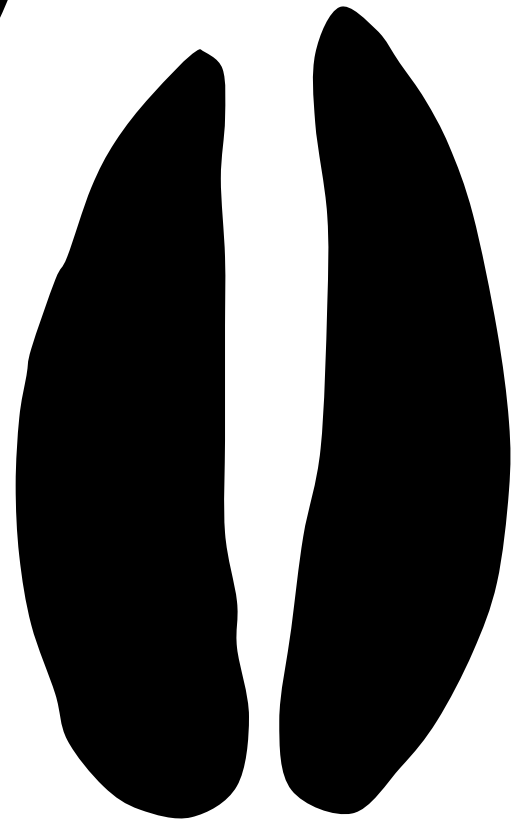
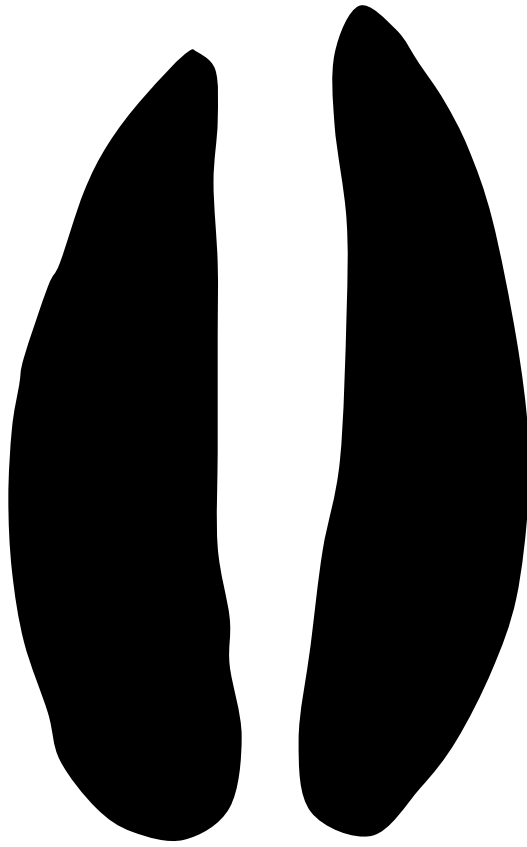
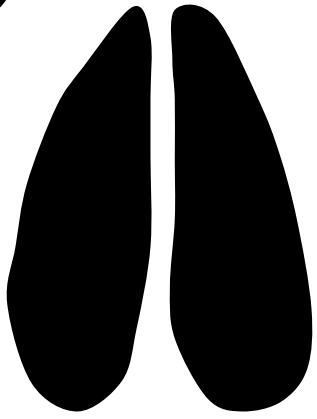
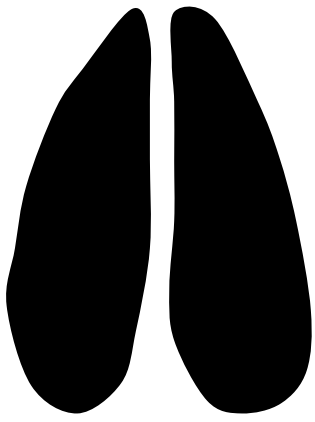
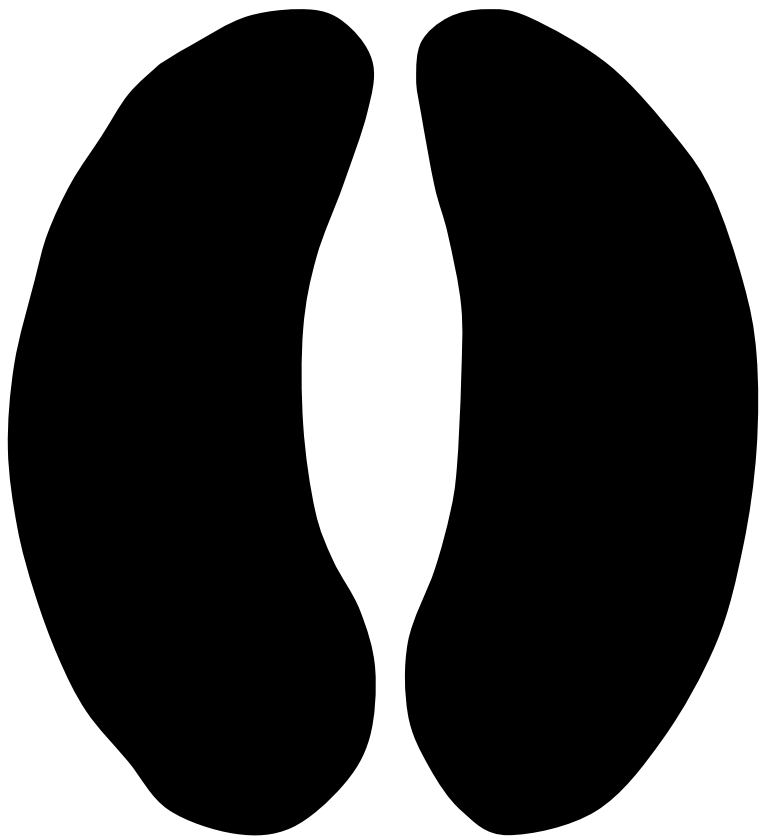


# Track Size Comparison



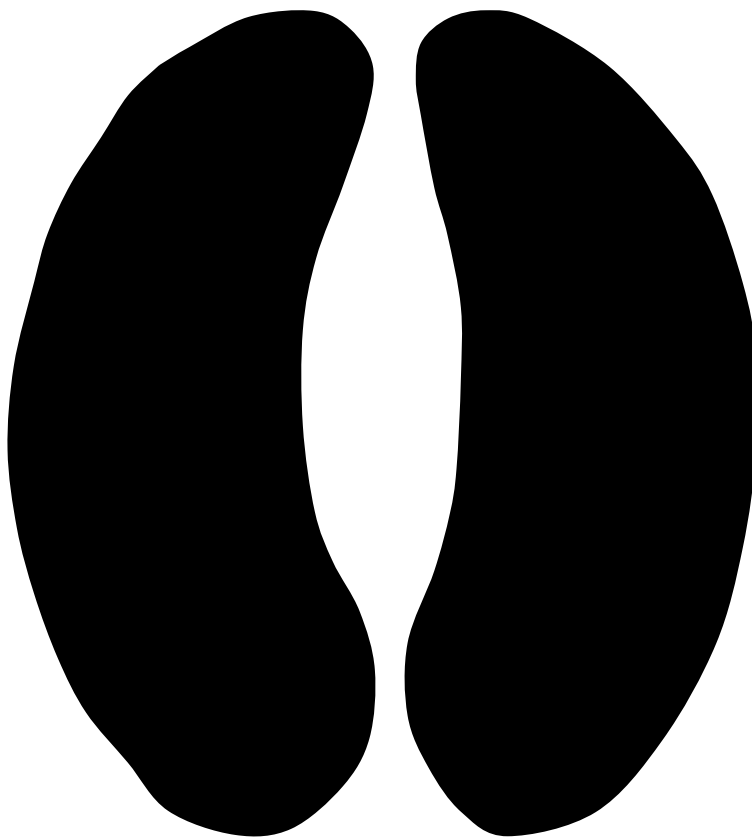
**White-tailed Deer**



The tracks shown on  
this page are  
actual size!

**Elk**

**Bison**



Because much of the prairie has been destroyed, many of the organisms that depend upon it for their habitat needs (food, water, shelter and space) have been forced to move to new habitats or have become very scarce in the state. Did you know that bison and elk once lived in Illinois? They were the largest mammals of the prairie. Many were killed by pioneers for food and hides. Others lost their habitat to agriculture and settlement. These animals were extirpated from the state. They no longer live in Illinois but can be found in the wild in other places in the world. The white-tailed deer is now the largest mammal of Illinois prairies.

