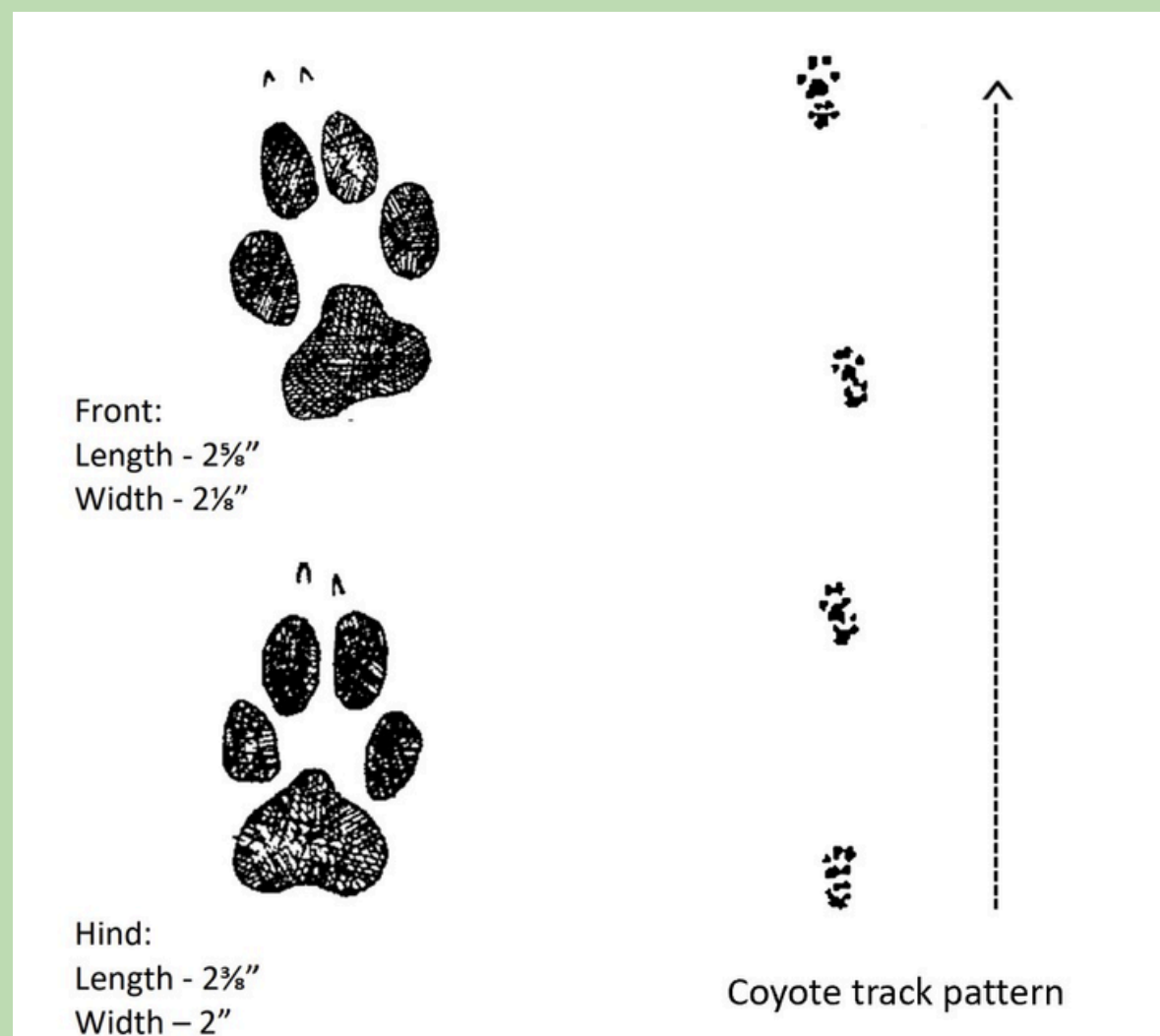


# Animal Tracks

## Lakelse Lake Provincial Park

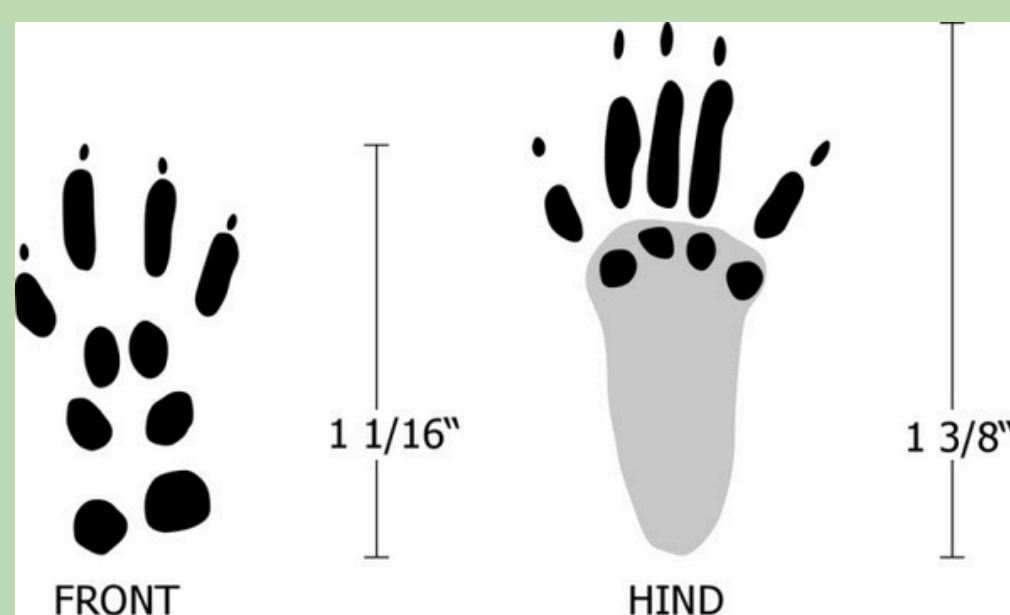
### Coyote

Resembling a medium sized dog with a pointier nose, coyotes are a member of the canine family that can be found throughout BC, including around Lakelse Lake. Coyotes are considered perfect steppers because they place their hind paws inside the prints of their front paws. This forms a single, straight line of tracks. Their prints can be hard to distinguish from those of dogs but coyote tracks are generally smaller.



### Red Squirrel

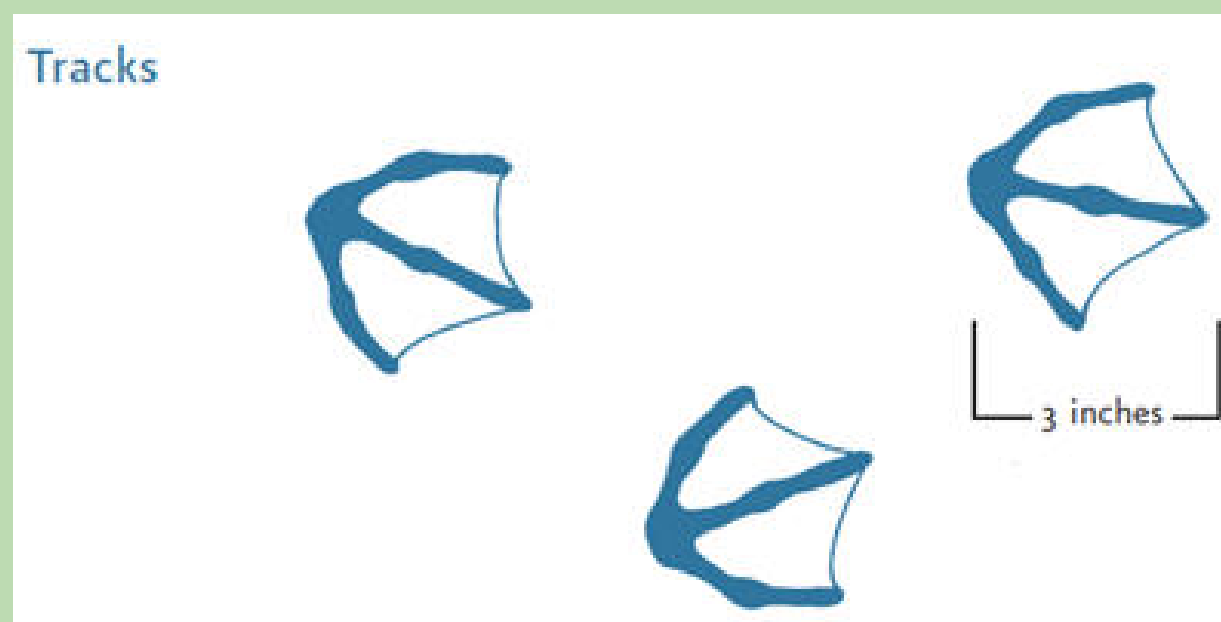
These little rodents are native to British Columbia and are very common in less urbanized areas with the exception of the southern coast area. Red squirrels are much smaller than grey squirrels and, therefore, have smaller tracks. Squirrels are hoppers and as they hop, their front feet land first and then their hind feet land ahead of their front feet.





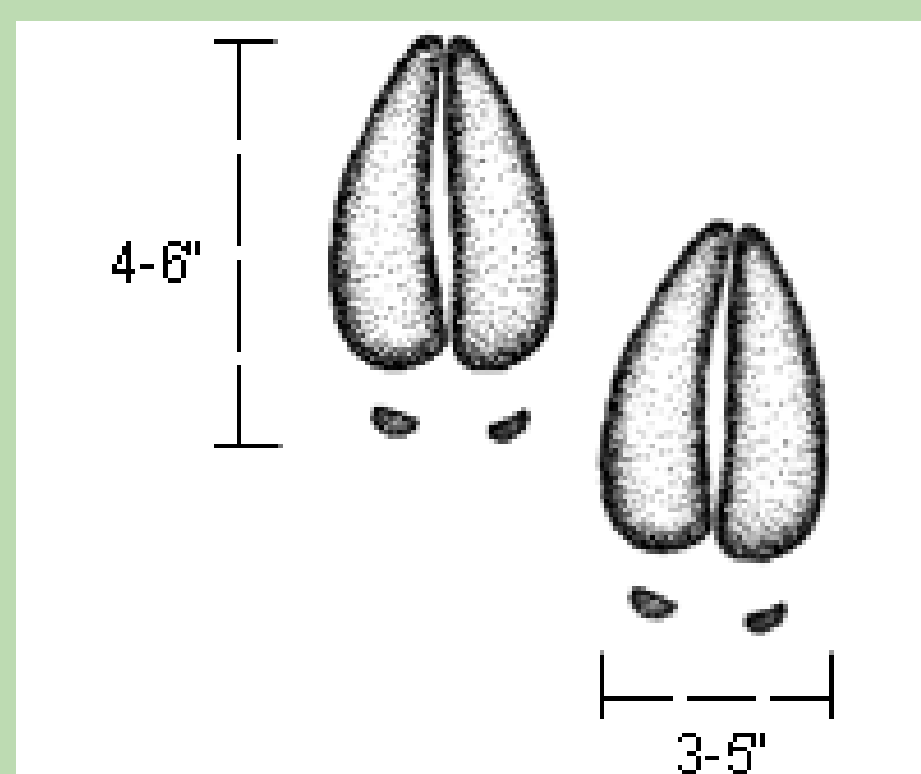
## Canada Goose

Also called Canadian Goose, these large birds can often be seen along the sandy beaches of Lakelse Lake during their migration. They are also commonly seen in fields in the area. Their distinct colourings make them easy to identify as Canada Geese. They also have tracks that are easily identifiable because there aren't other large birds common to the area that travel in flocks. Additionally, they have webbed feet that add a noticeable trait to their tracks.



## Moose

This large mammal can be found in wilderness areas throughout BC, with the exception of south coast area. They are a member of the deer family and are native to North America. Like coyotes, moose are perfect steppers and place their hind hooves inside the prints of their front hooves. In snow or soft ground, the tips of their hooves will leave a deeper impression. It's important to be cautious and stay at a safe distance if you see a moose.



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