## Animal Tracks

These tracks can commonly be seen when hiking. Look for tracks in soft soils or near sources of water.



#### **White-Tailed Deer**

Two-toed hooved foot Look for shed antlers in the spring

#### **Beaver**

Webbed hind foot to help move through water





#### Fox

Four-toed feet with claws
present
Hair may be present in
tracks

#### **Bobcat**

Four-toed foot with no claws present Tracks larger than a house cat



## What is a Field Guide?

Field guides are useful tools to take into the field to help with identification of wildlife, plants, and trees.

This Field Guide was created to be a basic overview of some of the natural features you will find while hiking through Maryland. More specific and in-depth Field Guides are available for purchase at book stores and nature centers. These guides target specific features of an area, such as guides specific to birds of the Pacific Northwest or wildflowers of Rhode Island.

Look for these features on your next nature walk. Take a photo, draw a picture, or write a poem about your finding and add it to your nature journal!





# Junior Rangers Adventure Field Guide

Common
Wildlife & Trees
of Maryland

### **Trees**







Some tree families are easy to identify from their foliage. Do you notice any differences between the pictures?

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White-tailed Deer



**Red Fox** 



**Eastern Chipmunk** 



**American Bullfrog** 



**Snapping Turtle** 

Other

Wildlife



**American Toad** 



**Red-eared Slider** 



**Eastern Box Turtle** 

## Mammals



**Eastern Gray** 

Squirrel

Raccoon

**Beaver** 



**Striped Skunk** 



**Eastern Cottontail** 

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**Eastern Ratsnake** 



**Eastern Red-backed Salamander** 

**Northern Cardinal** 



**Blue Jay**