

# TRACKS & SIGNS

## GREY SQUIRREL

### PRINT DESCRIPTION

**Size: Front Tracks 1 ½" / Hind Tracks 2 ¼"**

The overall shape of the four tracks left by squirrels forms a group that is blocky or squared. When landing, squirrels leave two larger hind feet tracks that are placed in front of smaller front feet tracks. Squirrels land on their front paws at the same time, so the small tracks left by their front paws are placed side by side.

Squirrels have toes that are long and skinny and leave fairly distinctive prints. If the conditions are right, you can often easily count the number of toes in squirrel tracks. They have 5 toes on their hind feet and 4 toes on their front.



### PATTERN OF TRACKS

**Gallopers:** Smaller front feet are placed first, followed by the larger hind feet, which land ahead of the front paws, as they are lifted up. Other animals that move using this pattern include mice, voles, shrews, chipmunks, rabbits, and hares.

### OTHER SIGNS

- Squirrel scat looks like oblong pellets, usually about 3/8 inch long and 1/8 inch in diameter, with rounded tips and slightly bulging in the center. Fresh ones are dark brown, but they get lighter with age. Squirrel scat is deposited randomly and can appear anywhere.
- Squirrel urine has a brown color.