

# HIDE N SEEK

Why are scats and tracks so important?

They provide a great amount of information about how animals live, what they eat and where they travel.

BRUSH TAILED POSSUM



This possum scat is the most common you will find and are usually dark with a cylindrical shape. Possums are omnivorous so you may see vegetation in the scat.

WOMBAT



These cube shaped scats are usually found in groups of 4-8 on rocks or steps because wombats apparently like to wipe their bums!

EASTERN GREY KANGAROO



Look for roo and wallaby scats in clear grassy areas. Roo scats are small, round and black, whilst wallabies are smaller with more pointy edges.

RED FOX



Foxes are pest species and identifying their scats is important in measuring the effectiveness of fox control methods.

KOALA



A hotspot for koala scats are at the base of Eucalyptus trees where they may be living. Koalas poo throughout the day, even when they're asleep!

FOX



EASTERN GREY KANGAROO



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## ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS



Using the Fauna Forensics Hide n Seek sheet, explore different habitats to find all of the scats in the pictures. Then, see if you can find the animal tracks and match them to the correct animal and their scat.

Remember to respect the environment and leave nothing but footprints.



Please be aware of ticks, leeches, mosquitoes and snakes in this environment.

## SUGGESTED LOCATIONS

Coffs By Nature's favourite places to explore fauna forensics:

- Coffs Creek Walkway
- Bruxner Park
- North Coast Regional Botanic Gardens
- Boambee Reserve
- Greenbluff Reserve, Moonee Beach
- Look-At-Me-Now Headland, Emerald Beach



## FURTHER ACTIVITIES

### OFFLINE

Create your own animal tracking box. Using a large shallow container filled with sand, smooth the sand out and place some sort of bait out (meat or veg depending on what animals you're interested in) and leave out over night. Check out the tracks the next morning and try to identify what species have visited.

For more details: [www.survival.org.au/tracking-box.php](http://www.survival.org.au/tracking-box.php)

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