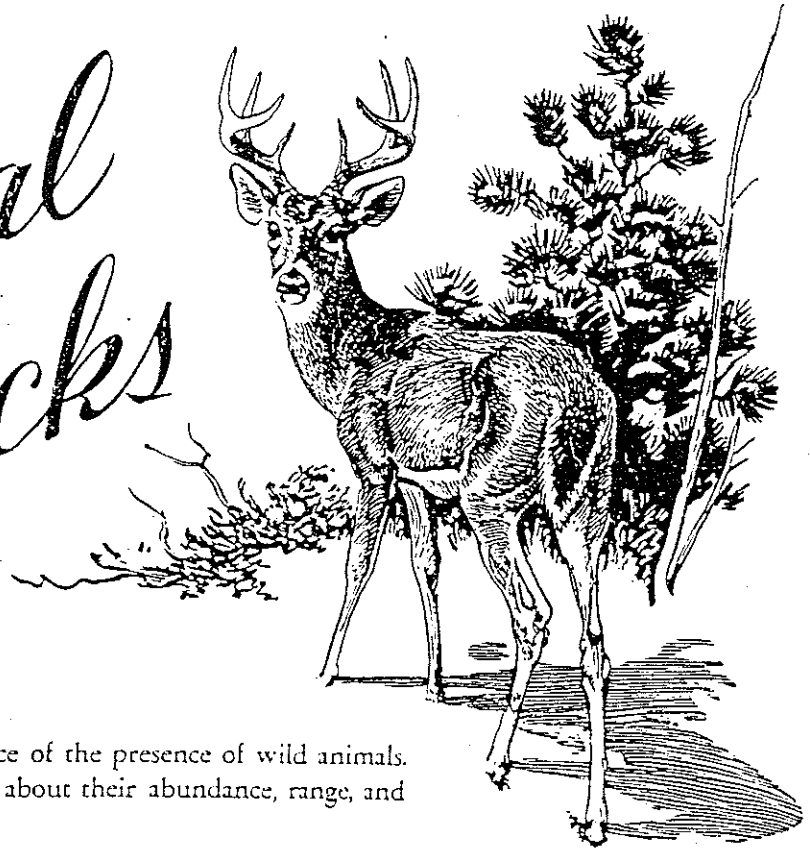


Animal Tracks



TRACKS are often the only evidence of the presence of wild animals. Such tracks can provide information about their abundance, range, and habits.

The majority of such animals are most active during twilight hours or at night, a principal reason why they are not seen more often.

To "know" an animal is to know the location of his home; his food, his enemies, and his habits.

Tracks are a record of activity and by close study an observer can become intimately acquainted with an animal without ever having seen it.

Tracks of many animals are similar in appearance; for instance, the tracks of dogs, foxes, coyotes and wolves. It is a help in the identification of such tracks to know which of these animals frequent the locality in which the tracks are found.

Tracks are best observed after rains, as in mud along stream banks, or following light falls of wet snow.

Tracks shown on the following pages are more perfect than are usually found under natural conditions.



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