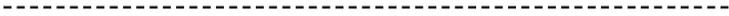


**My name is**



*this is my Nature Journal*

**PART 3:**  
**OBSERVATION!**

Do you have good  
observation skills?  
Let's find out...



# OBSERVATION TAKES FIVE SKILLS...

Look

Listen

Smell

Feel

Record



When observing nature, it's good  
to carry a pen and pencil.  
What else could you take with  
you?

Now find a quiet place in nature...

**DRAW WHAT YOU CAN SEE.**

*Now close your eyes and listen...*

## **WHAT COULD YOU HEAR?**

Now close your eyes again and smell...

## **WHAT COULD YOU SMELL?**

**LET'S LOOK CLOSER FOR SIGNS OF ANIMALS... STARTING WITH TRACKS.**

**MAKE NOTES UNDERNEATH, AND DRAW TRACKS AS YOU GO...**

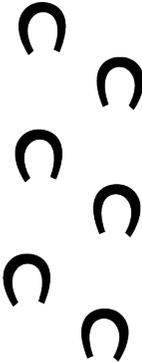
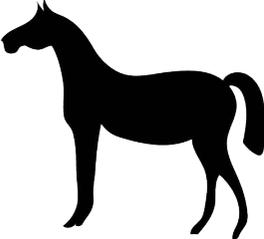
Some of these animals won't live where you live...  
but you can still copy the tracks below.



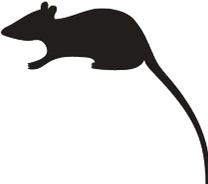
This is an  
elephant  
track!



Horse



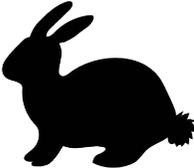
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Frog



Hare



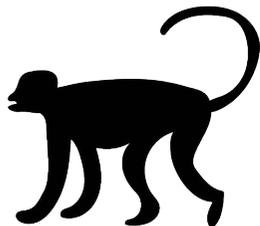
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Crow



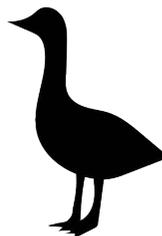
Monkey



Polar bear



Goose



**DRAW ANY OTHER TRACKS YOU FOUND.**



This is a sun bear footprint... it was made using ink and paper.

If you have a pet, can you make its print using ink or paint?

Carefully, print it on this page!

## **ONE MORE IMPORTANT SKILL IS TOUCH.**

Make notes about how things feel, but only touch plants if you know they are safe.

Most scientists carry a Ziplock bag, so they can take animal droppings back to their lab to investigate...

You can learn a lot from poo...

## **WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU COULD LEARN FROM ANIMAL POO, OR SCAT?**

# THIS IS WHAT I FOUND OUT ABOUT OBSERVATION...

*Ideas: What senses did you use the most?  
Did observation get easier as you practiced?  
What method of recording observations did  
you find easiest?*

# THIS IS WHAT I FOUND OUT ABOUT TRACKING ANIMALS...

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*Ideas: Where did you find the most tracks?*

*What type of animals were easiest to find?*

*What tips would you give other people about finding tracks?*

*What could you tell from the tracks you found? For instance,  
was the animals running fast, or walking slow?*

*Was the animal heavy or light? Did the animal travel a long  
way?*

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