

DEEP NATURE GUIDES

Tracking, Tending and Questing in Community

Medicine Bundle of Tracking

Guiding questions and knowledge of animals to facilitate and deepen tracking

Consider what's true in general as well as seasonal and individual variations.

Elements:

Sensory Dominance, primary

Sensory Dominance, secondary

Body Configuration, qualitative:

density

fat stores

weight distribution

Body Configuration, quantitative:

weight

length, head+body

length, tail

height

field marks

foot morphology

gaits

Examples:

owls ~ eyes, dogs ~ nose

Deer:

ears

Bobcat:

eyes

Coyote:

nose

rabbits ~ airy, otters ~ dense

shrews ~ skinny

raccoons ~ weight on hind

voles ~ 4.5"

voles ~ 2"

raccoons ~ plantigrade

Pushes away

Draws in

Threatened by

coyotes ~ cougars

Travel patterns

Territorial marks (secretions, scratches, sounds)

Foods (generally, specifically)

Shelters (burrows, dens, cavities, lays)

foxes ~ edges

raccoons ~ latrines

moles ~ earthworms

deer ~ lays, beds

Population limits

Influence on the landscape over time

raccoons ~ # hollow logs

cow grazing vs elk browsing