

DESERT

MAMMAL GUIDE

Ocotillo Wells SVRA



Photo by John Lynn

Coyote
Canis latrans



Tracks about 50% of actual size



Omnivore; scat appearance depends on diet. Scat with fruit or nuts is tubular with little twisting. Scat with bone and hair is twisted and tapered ropes with pointed ends; 3/8 to 1-3/8 inch diameter, 5 to 13 inches long.



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Bobcat
Felis rufus



Tracks about 50% of actual size



Carnivore; scat is often tubular, long segmented ropes that fold in on themselves. Scat has a smooth outer surface with blunt ends or one pointy end; 7/16 to 1 inch diameter, 3 to 9 inches long.



Gerald and Buff Corsi © California Academy of Sciences

American Badger
Taxidea taxus



Tracks about 50% of actual size



Omnivore; scat appearance depends on diet. Scat with fur and bone is often twisted and folded with very pointy ends of somewhat segmented scat; 3/8 to 3/4 inch diameter, 3 to 6 inches long.



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Black-tailed Jackrabbit
Lepus californicus



Tracks about 25% of actual size



Herbivore; round or slightly flattened pellets; 3/8-1/2 inch diameter.



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Kit Fox
Vulpes macrotis



Tracks about 80% of actual size



Carnivore; scat is twisted and tapered ropes with pointed ends; 3/16 to 5/8 inch diameter, 2 to 4-1/2 inches long.



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Round-tailed Ground Squirrel
Spermophilus tereticaudus



Tracks about 100% of actual size



Omnivore; scat appearance varies with moisture in diet. Softer scat is often twisted with tapered ends; approximately 1/8 to 5/16 inch diameter, 3/16 to 5/16 inches long.



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Botta's Pocket Gopher
Thomomys bottae



Tracks about 100% of actual size



Herbivore; pellets are capsule-shaped with smooth surfaces and rounded ends; approximately 1/8 to 3/16 inch diameter, 5/16 to 7/16 inches long.



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Desert Woodrat
Neotoma lepida



Tracks about 100% of actual size



Herbivore; tubular pellets much longer than wide; 1/8 to 3/16 inch diameter, 1/4 to 9/16 inches long.



Photo by Roger W. Barbour

Cactus Mouse
Peromyscus eremicus



Tracks about 100% of actual size



Herbivore; scat can be slightly curved with tapered ends; approximately 1/32 to 1/16 inch diameter, 3/32 to 7/32 inches long.



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Desert Pocket Mouse
Chaetodipus penicillatus



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Merriam's Kangaroo Rat
Dipodomys merriami



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