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Tracks and Traces



There are several different ways you can use when trying to identify animal species. There are two different ways of observing animals; these are directly and indirectly.

Direct observation of animals is a good way of identification, because you can study their behaviour, appearance and record their location where you spotted them.

Indirect observation is done by finding and identifying the animal's tracks such as bones, hair, fur, feathers, scales, scats (pooh) etc. It is always a good idea to make a sketch of the things you find.

Your Task: Go outside and try to identify an animal using a direct and indirect method.

Indirect identification: Using the box below, make sure you make a sketch of what you find e.g. pooh, feathers, tracks.

Direct identification: Using the box below, make sure you record the animal's appearance, behaviour and the location where you found it.

Appearance:

Behaviour:

Location:

