

# Kit's Guide to Poo!

Kit discovers mammals along the railway by finding the stuff they leave behind.



Hi, I am Kit...

...a Junior Volunteer with the NYMR and I love wildlife. I especially love mammals, but some can be super hard to find. Many of them are nocturnal and they are all very secretive. Let me show you how I find where they have been by discovering what they leave behind (poo)!

## Kit's Clues to Poos!

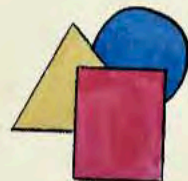
Use this checklist to help you identify different animal droppings.



Size



Colour



Shape



Smell – eww!



Contents – can you see fur or the shiny backs of beetles in them?

Don't forget to wash your hands!







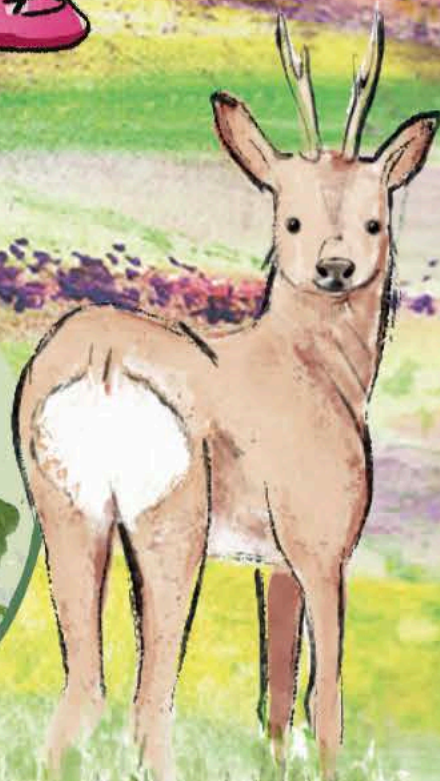
Use my clues and tick each animal on the page when you find its poo.

**Did you know?**  
*Animals that come out at night are called nocturnal and animals that come out in the day are called diurnal.*



### ☐ Deer

Deer leave clusters of shiny, dark droppings (poo). They are rounded at one end and pointy at the other end. They don't really have a smell and you can't see any bits in them.



### ☐ Fox

A fox's poo is called scat. The scat is full of fur, hair and beetle bits and is twisted in shape. It also has a twisty point at the end. They are a bit smelly!



### ☐ Badger

Badger scat is big and slimy (as they eat a lot of worms)! They are smelly and have lots of bits in them. Badgers dig a pit to poo in called a latrine close to their sett.



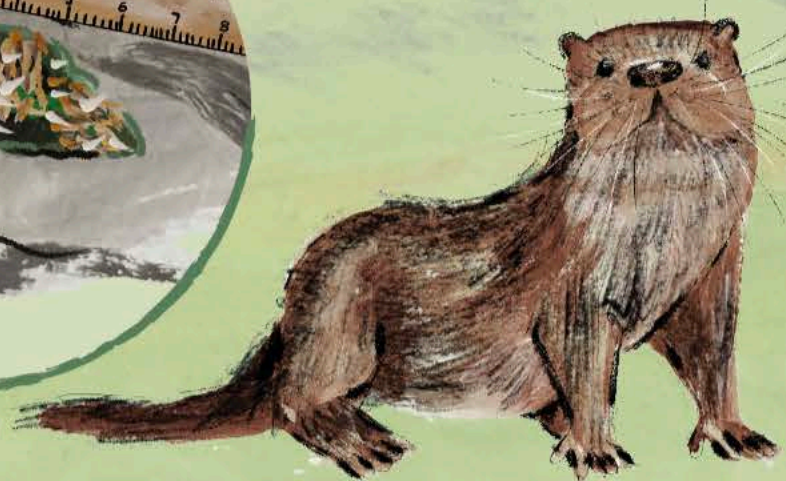
### ☐ Hedgehog

Hedgehog droppings are shaped a bit like a fox poo with a point at the end, but they are thinner and smaller and with bits of shiny beetles and berry seeds in them.



### ☐ Otter

Otters live by water and love to eat fish. You can see the fish scales and bones sticking out of their poo which is called spraint. Their spraint is not very big and a bit of a splat, but you can find it on rocks by the water's edge and under bridges.



### Did you know?

*You and I are mammals! Mammals are animals with warm blood, hair and most give birth to live babies (we don't lay eggs)!*



### ☐ Bat

Bats only eat insects so their droppings are small and dry. They might look a bit like mouse droppings, but if you put one in a tissue and roll it between your fingers it will crumble easily (mouse droppings roll like play dough)!

### Did you know?

*Otter spraint smells like jasmine tea (nothing else smells like that)!*

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# Swallow

# E O T

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J O A L P H E A S A N T D E

Y T J M A E N K I N G F I S H E R B

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