

The GUMBOOT GAZETTE



Snow Track ID

**Williams Creek
Coho Numbers**

**Clothing and
Greeting Card
Sales**

**Ornament Idea...
For the birds!**

**Fauna Feature:
Stoat!**



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Williams Creek Coho Numbers 2022



(R. Swezey, 2022)

- In partnership with DFO, creek walks were conducted on Williams Creek between November 9th and November 29th.
- A total of 132 coho were seen, including actively spawning fish during 3 of the 8 walks.
- LWSS hopes to find a new location for the Scully underwater camera next year to continue annual sockeye and coho counts.



(K. Weeber, 2022)

FOR OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS... AN ORNAMENT IDEA!



What You'll Need:

- Thin cardboard
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Small nail
- Wire or string
- Baking sheet
- Wax paper
- Peanut butter
- Birdseed

Instructions:

1. Draw the desired shape on the cardboard, with a 1 ½- to 2-inch circle in the center (this will be for birds to perch on).
2. Cut out the shape and inside circle.
3. Poke a hole at the top of the shape with the nail and thread a piece of wire or string through the hole.
4. Pour birdseed into a tray or dish.
5. Spread a thin layer of peanut butter on the cardboard shape and cover with birdseed. Turn the shape over to remove excess.
6. Allow the ornament to set on a baking tray with wax paper. Repeat step 5 on the other side if desired.
7. Hang your ornament outside and watch for the birds!



Winter Activity Idea

Snow Track ID

Ever wondered what wildlife you're following on your winter hike?

Here are some track patterns of a few critters you might be seeing in the snow:



Deer



Red
Squirrel



Deer
Mouse

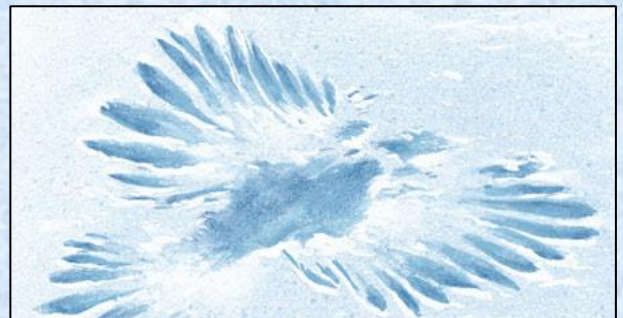


Red
Fox



Snowshoe
Hare

Or for an exciting rare find, tail and wing prints in the snow show a strike mark from a bird of prey like an owl or hawk



Find more info about winter wildlife track here:

<https://cwf-fcf.org/en/resources/DIY/outside/tracking-down-winter-wildlife.html>

FAUNA FEATURE

Stoat/Ermine/Short-tailed Weasel

Mustela erminea



- Known by multiple common names, these cute little furry weasels are widely distributed across the northern parts of North America and Eurasia. They are typically found in thickets, woodlands and semi-timbered areas.

- During summer months, the stoat is brown with a white throat, chest and belly. However, in colder climates, the stoat's winter coat turns white with a black tip on its tail. In moderate climates, the fur only partially changes to white.
- The winter furs of these creatures are popular due to the beautiful white color. Historically, the white fur was worn by royal families.
- The stoat is small in stature weighing less than a pound, with a total length of approximately 18 to 30 cm.
- They have a voracious appetite nonetheless, consuming mammals, birds, eggs, frogs and some invertebrates.



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