



DESCRIPTION

The American mink is a medium sized mammal, smaller than the otter. It has blackish to dark brown fur, a pointed muzzle and a long slightly bushy tail.

TYPICAL HABITATS

Riparian (rivers and streams, and lakes with reed beds), mountain moorland, farmland.

RANGE

Widespread throughout British Isles, most common through southern and central England, NE England and NE Scotland.

FIELD SIGNS

Footprints

American mink footprints can be found in sand, mud and snow alongside rivers and streams. They are five-toed and are about 3-4cm in width and 2.5-4cm in length.

Droppings:

They often contain bones and fur and are long and twisted in shape, with tapered ends. Approximately 5-8cm long, 1cm diameter.

Colour: greenish, black, brown.

Smell: foul smelling, like burnt rubber and rotten meat, very unpleasant.

