



DESCRIPTION

Badgers are instantly recognisable, with their striped black and white heads and their silver-grey fur. Their distinctive fur can often be left on fences (see photo).

TYPICAL HABITATS

Woodland, urban gardens and farmland.

RANGE

Widespread across mainland UK and Ireland.

FIELD SIGNS

Footprints:

Tracks can be found in sand, mud and snow, and in a variety of habitats. Badger footprints are five-toed, but are quite distinctive looking and significantly larger than other mustelids. Width 4.5–5cm.

Droppings:

Badgers often leave droppings in a small pit or latrine, 10-15cm deep. They can contain seeds and berries. Droppings are around 10cm long and 2cm thick and are not strongly coiled.

Colour: purple, black, brown

Smell: foul smelling. Has strong musky, oily smell.

