



DESCRIPTION

Foxes are instantly recognisable due to their red fur and long bushy tails. They leave droppings and footprints in the wild, as well as their distinctive red hairs.

TYPICAL HABITATS

Farmland, grassland, mountain moorland, woodland and in urban areas. They are commonly seen in people's gardens.

RANGE

Found across mainland UK and Ireland.

FIELD SIGNS

Footprints

Tracks can be found in sand and mud (and snow) in farmland, grassland, woodland and urban areas.

They are four-toed prints, and can be confused with domestic cat and dog. The key difference is that a diagonal cross can be drawn through the fox print and not through the dog and cat prints. Footprint width 3.5cm and length 5cm.

Droppings

Fox droppings are full of fur, bone fragments and often fruit pips. They are usually twisted, with a tapering 'tail' at one end. Variable size, approximately 8-12cm in length, 2cm in width.

Colour: brown, black, grey.

Smell: characteristic pungent smell

