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Junior Wildlife Nature Journal

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## Bring the Refuge Home!

Below is a list of some things you can do to attract wildlife while also taking care of the planet! What are your ideas?

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1. Plant a Tree, Milkweed, or Native Plant
2. Pick up Litter
3. Put up a Hummingbird Feeder
4. Clean up Trash
5. Remove Non-Native Plants

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Great Blue Heron



Tufted Titmouse



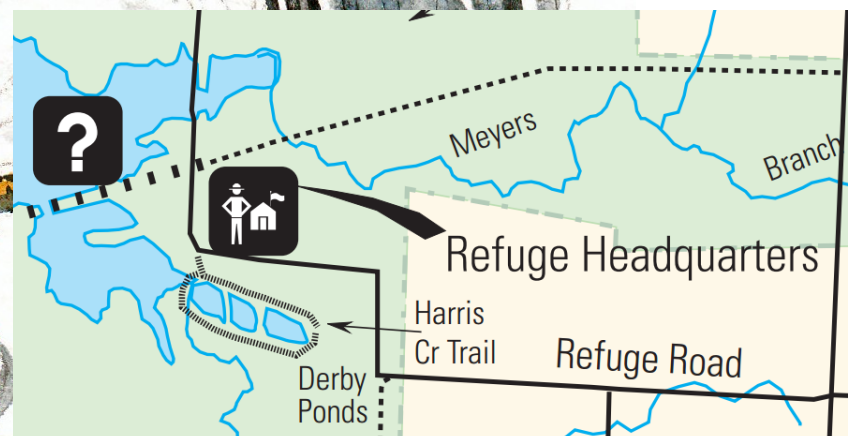
Eastern Meadowlark



Mourning Dove



Carolina Wren





Travel along the Harris Creek Trail, which is across the street from the Visitor's Center, to complete your Nature Journal.

Remember that this is a Wildlife Refuge, we take only **pictures** and leave only **footprints!**





# Tracking

How can you tell where animals have been? By looking for mud, of course! And why would we look in the mud for animals? All wildlife at our refuge can leave **tracks** in the mud. The best spot for mud along *Harris Creek Trail* is just after the one-mile marker.

It can be difficult at first to tell what animal made what tracks. If you study the tracks, you will start to notice some things: the points on the top of the toes have points (claws), the size, and the shape. What animals would need these different features or adaptations?

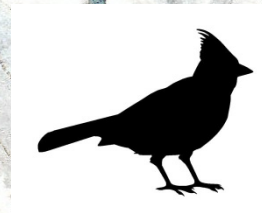
Can you match these animals to their tracks? Test out your tracking skills on the following page!

Coyote, Turkey, Beaver, Black Bear, Bobcat, Deer, Raccoon, Hog, and Duck.

Find the answers on page 11.

## Backyard Birding

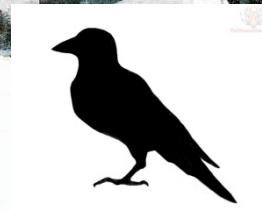
Be on the lookout for these common birds.



Northern Cardinal



Eastern Bluebird



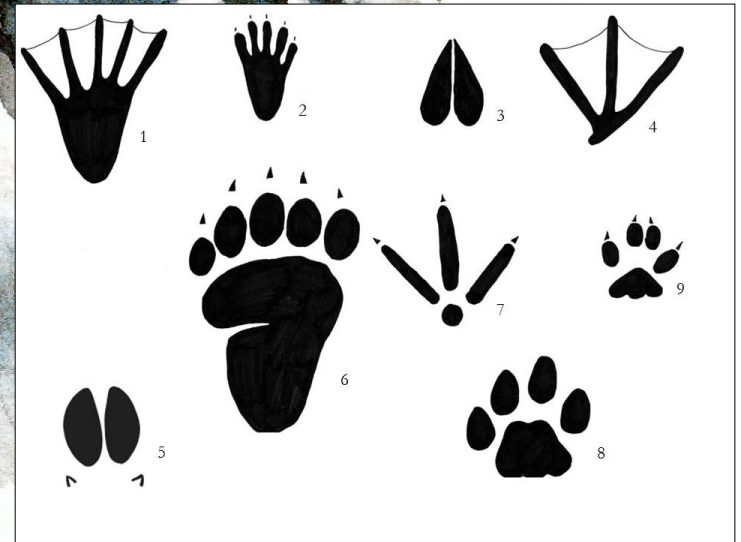
American Crow



Red-Winged Blackbird



My Leaf Rubbing!



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## Scavenger Hunting

There are many animals and plants that make their home here at Hagerman. Using those very good tracking skills, can you find all of these items?

Acorn

Insect: Dragonfly, Butterfly, Ladybug, etc.

Spider Web

Bird Nest (Do not touch please)

Animal in Water: Frog, Duck, Fish, etc.

Interestingly Shaped Rock

Fungus on Tree (Also called Lichen)

Colorful Flower

Hole in tree

Interestingly Shaped Branch

Did you find everything? Make sure you listen for animals too!

## Leaf Rubbing

Trees are very important to the wildlife that lives here because they provide food and shelter. More importantly they help to make some pretty cool artwork!



Oak Leaf

Find your favorite leaf and place it underneath the paper. Then use your pencil, crayon, or colored pencil to create a “rubbing” by scratching



back and forth over the leaf. Can you identify  
your leaf?

