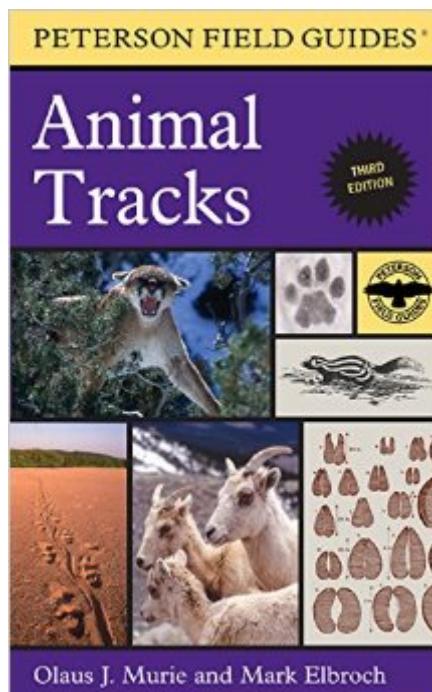


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# Peterson Field Guide To Animal Tracks: Third Edition (Peterson Field Guides)



## Synopsis

The Peterson Field Guide Series (R) Sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation, the Roger Tory Peterson Institute, and the National Audubon Society America's Best-Selling Field Guides THE PETERSON IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM Roger Tory Peterson's unique identification system explains exactly what features to look for to tell one species from another. EASE OF USE Peterson Field Guides are designed to work in the field, and every illustration, every word, is directed to that end. THE AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS In each Peterson Field Guide, an author with expertise in the subject and an experienced artist work closely with the editors to ensure that both text and illustrations are accurate. *A Field Guide to Animal Tracks*, third edition This completely updated edition includes 100 color photographs of tracks and sign, more than 1,000 line drawings, and updated nomenclature for all the mammals of North America. The text includes descriptions of habits, habitats, tracks, signs, and ranges and is filled with wonderful natural history stories. Olaus J. Murie was one of America's leading mammalogists. His extensive fieldwork ranged throughout the United States and Canada, from Labrador to the Aleutian Islands, with special concentration in the Northwest. For twenty-five years he was a field biologist with the U.S. Biological Survey, now the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He also served as director of the Wilderness Society for many years. Murie lived in Moose, Wyoming. He was the author of *The Elk of North America* and many articles on natural history. Mark Elbroch is the author of several tracking guides, including two award-winning books, *Mammal Tracks and Sign: A Guide to North American Species* and, with Eleanor Marks, *Bird Tracks and Sign: A Guide to North American Species*. He has contributed to numerous North American research projects, from monitoring bears to capturing cougars to inventorying carnivores in dry tropical forests. He is working with Cybertracker Conservation in South Africa to create the first North American evaluation for wildlife trackers. Elbroch currently works as a wildlife consultant, specializing in field inventories and identifying corridors, and teaches workshops on wildlife and tracking across North America.

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The original Peterson's Field Guide to Animal Tracks by Olaus Murie has been an inspiration to generations of trackers, naturalists, and wildlife enthusiasts. It was the first in-depth guide of its kind, and in addition to numerous illustrations of tracks and animal sign, Murie added colorful stories of his own experiences in the great outdoors. The book transcended mere field guide status into the ranks of the classics of natural history. In the most recent revision of this classic, Mark Elbroch has done an exceptionally tasteful job of updating the guide. He worked to enhance the work of Murie, but keep the essence of the classic work. In particular, Elbroch re-arranged the animal species into phylogenetic order (the order by which animals are related through the course of evolution) allowing for the many advances within the scientific community since the original book was published, and added many color photographs to enhance the illustrations of Murie. As Elbroch notes, the book is still the one Murie wrote; Elbroch simply acted as a caretaker to bring this great book to generations more. I would recommend this book highly to anyone with an interest in animals or natural history.

This is a great all around field guide. Good pictures and descriptions. Not good if you are trying to start off. Maybe start with Jon Youngs "Animal Tracks And Signs". Really great to have out on the trail though!

I purchased this book in hopes of making quick identifications of unknown tracks in the field. Although the book is very thorough, there is no way to sort out the information quickly. It requires too much time to find the track descriptions and sort through all the similar tracks to really be of any practical field use for me.

I have a small library of tracking and field books, and this is one of the best to take into the bush and also as a great guide to studying the language of the track. It is a must have. As far as tracking books go, Murie set the standard on tracking books. If I could only have two, this would be one of

them--this and Paul Rezende's Book: "Tracking And The Art of Seeing." .

I spend a lot of time in the woods in upstate New York. I see a lot of animal tracks and as a wildlife student, this book really comes in handy. It fits easily in my cruiser's vest, along with several other field guides, and is easy to navigate through.

This book is excellent. Great sketches. Great photos. Excellent information. I will keep this with me on any outings where I will be tracking unfamiliar quarry or simply interpreting what I come across. Definitely recommended.

Very thorough. Easy to use. Great detail. We do wish it was hard covered and or a better binding. Concerned that the binding will give in time as it is a book for the outdoors to use comparing tracks to itself.

Good guide to animal tracks. Lots of interesting information and good illustrations. My only complaint is the same I have for all animal track books that I have seen. There really are no pages for easily comparing different tracks. You have to flip back and forth between similar tracks. Other than that (which other books don't have either) this is a very good guide.

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