



**How do scientists use footprints to study bears?**

**ACTIVITY SHEET 1**  
GRADES 2-3



## Brown Bear Identification Guide

Help scientists learn which bears have visited the river! Use the pictures, rear footprints and descriptions in the Brown Bear Identification Guide below to complete Activity Sheets 2 and 3.






**Sky**  
Adult Female

**NOTES:** Large adult female with dark coat and long claws. Sky visits the river to catch fish to eat. She needs to feed her growing cubs.

**Chinook**  
Adult Male

**NOTES:** Adult male with wide paws and short claws. Chinook often competes with other bears for fishing spots on the river.

**Amber**  
Young cub

**NOTES:** Amber's paw is thin and long. She watches her mother's every move – learning the best ways to open clams or fend off wolves. If Sky happens to catch a fish, Amber will be there to share it with her.




**Scout**  
Young cub

**NOTES:** Scout's paw is wide and short. Scout is a fearless adventurer who puts his nose everywhere – especially where it doesn't belong. Scout can get into trouble, but Sky is always there to protect Scout.



Use a local field guide to explore your backyard or a park near your home! Have an adult help you make plaster molds of any footprints you find.

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