



## How do scientists use footprints to study bears?

# 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 the *Which Brown Bears Visited This River?* activity sheet.



### 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.



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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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