



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
Rangeland, Wildlife  
& Fisheries Management

## **RWFM 489/WFSC 689**

### ***SPECIAL TOPICS IN***

# **WILDLIFE**

# **TRACKS & SIGNS**



## **COURSE OVERVIEW**

Online course (3 hr) intended for ecologists, forensic scientists and other wildlife professionals who desire to improve their field skills. Students will spend time learning to recognize a variety of animal tracks and sign, thereby gaining a deeper understanding of animal behaviors relating to habitats frequented, feeding locations, den/bedding areas and other activities. An optional field tracking session will be offered in College Station (TBD).

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Tracking ecology
- Track morphology
- Track characteristics for mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians
- Aging tracks
- Animal gaits
- Principles of trailing
- Scat/pellet identification
- Feeding signs
- Other animal signs (dens, burrows, beds, lays)

## **QUESTIONS?**

Dr. Roel Lopez, [roel@tamu.edu](mailto:roel@tamu.edu)

Lee Burton, [lee@naturaliststudies.com](mailto:lee@naturaliststudies.com)