



Winter Early Years Pack



Parent Guide

WHAT DOES THIS PACK COVER?

This pack includes resources to enhance your learning opportunities when learning about animals in the forest during winter.

NOTE TO PARENTS / TEACHERS

This pack contains a range of different resources designed to be used in multiple flexible ways. My study packs are rich in open ended resources as I believe in tailoring each activity / lesson to a child's individual development. This leaflet contains some SUGGESTIONS on how you could use the resources included in this pack. This is by no means an exhaustive list and is designed to be a 'starting point' for you to develop your research and curriculum.

PHONICS LETTERS

This set includes the phonetic sounds your child will need to learn in order to read. I recommend using only the sounds your child already knows or introducing a single new sound with each play. You can either add the discs to the background board and ask the child to collect the pieces that they know the sound of. Or use the sounds to make simple phonetic words for the child to read. We also really enjoy hiding the sounds around the room and setting out to find them all, saying the sound as we add them to a bucket/basket.

HANDWRITING STRIPS

Simply cut the strips out (choose either print or cursive writing) and encourage the child to trace the words. These can be laminated to use with a dry wipe pen.

COUNT AND CLIP CARDS

Print and trim the set of counting cards included. Encourage your child to count the number of animals on the card and then match them to the correct numeral on the card. You can give them a clothes peg to clip over the correct number, or a counter/pompom etc to place on the correct number.

OWL COUNTING

Place the owls on the fence and ask the child to add the correct numeral sign post to the picture. Try adding a sign and asking the child to add the owls. Thus reinforcing the connections between the numeral and the quantity. For older children, introduce the sum symbols and see if they can create and solve addition and subtraction sums.

MOON PHASE FLASHCARDS

This pack includes a set of 8 watercolour moon phase flashcards, use these to identify the current moon phase or to sequence the phases. Print two sets to play a memory matching game or create Montessori 3 part cards by printing 2 sets of your chosen cards and cutting between the image and label on the second set.

ANATOMY POSTERS

Included are several winter animal anatomy posters that you can use for art activities and to display in your nature area.

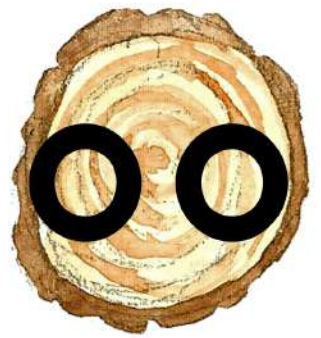
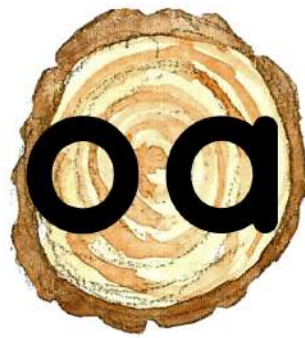
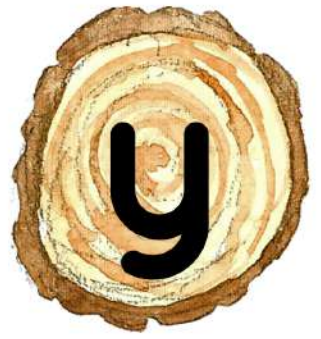
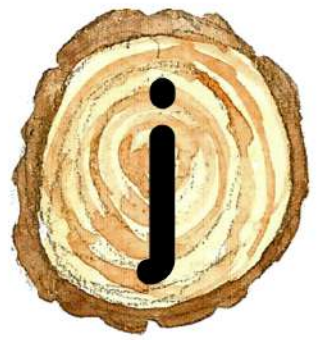
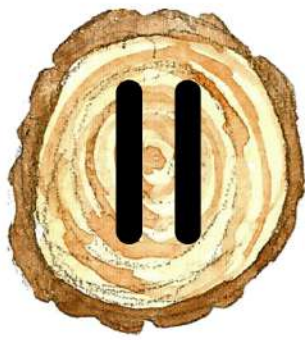
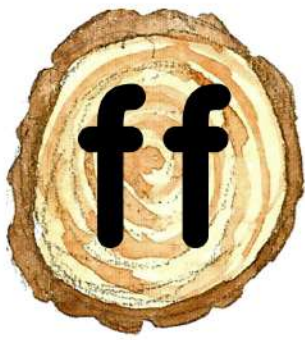
TRACK DOMINOES

Cut out the domino pieces. Shuffle the cards and give each player 6 tiles. Turn one tile over from the top of the pack and place it face up in the middle of the table. Players take it in turns to play a card matching one side up to one of the two leaves shown. This continues with players being able to match leaves to each end of the track (you can turn corners if your track becomes too long). If you do not have a tile that matches either of the tracks on the end they must pass their turn. The winner is the first player to play all their cards, or in the event that all players pass - the player with the least number of tiles. You can use the included track ID poster to identify the tracks on the tiles, for older players you can include the rule that as they play each tile they must name the track that they are matching up.

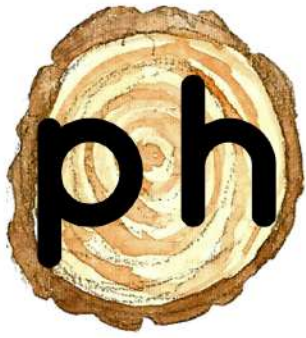
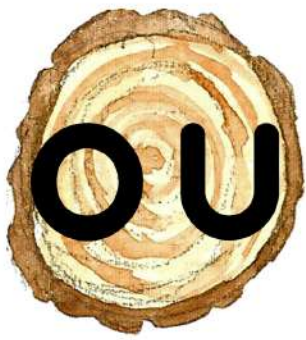
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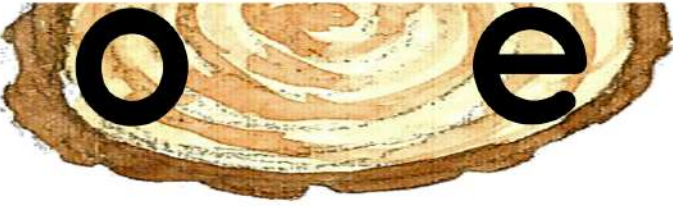
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fox



robin



badger



squirrel



owl



fox



robin



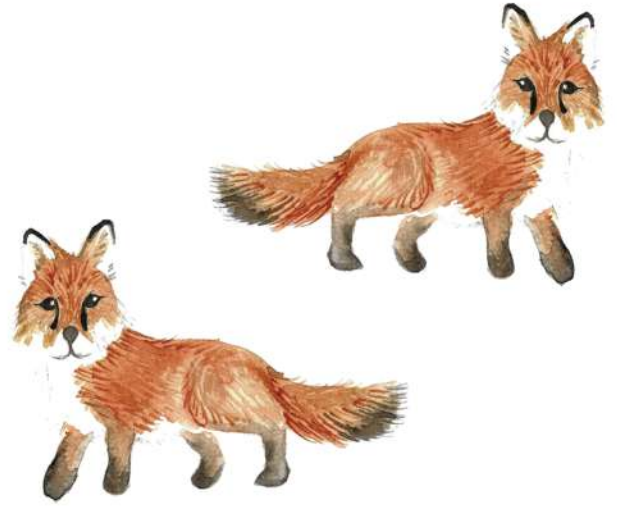
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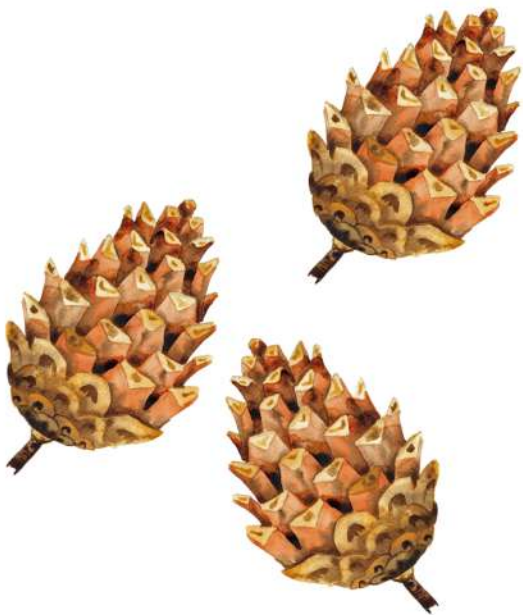
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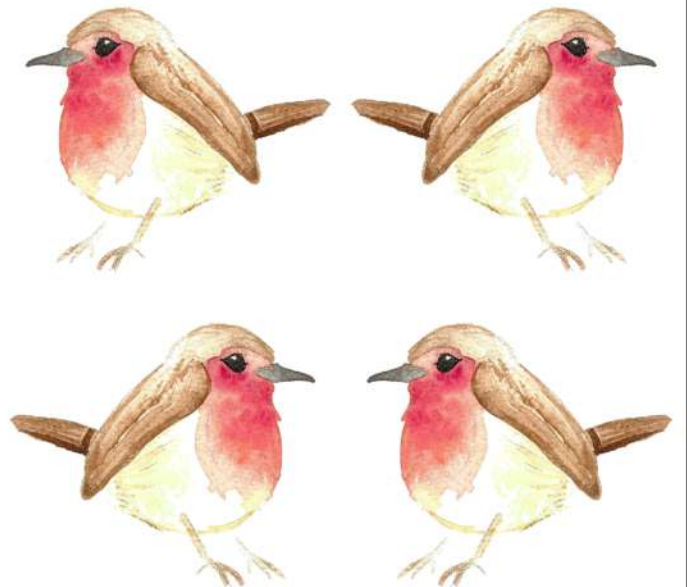
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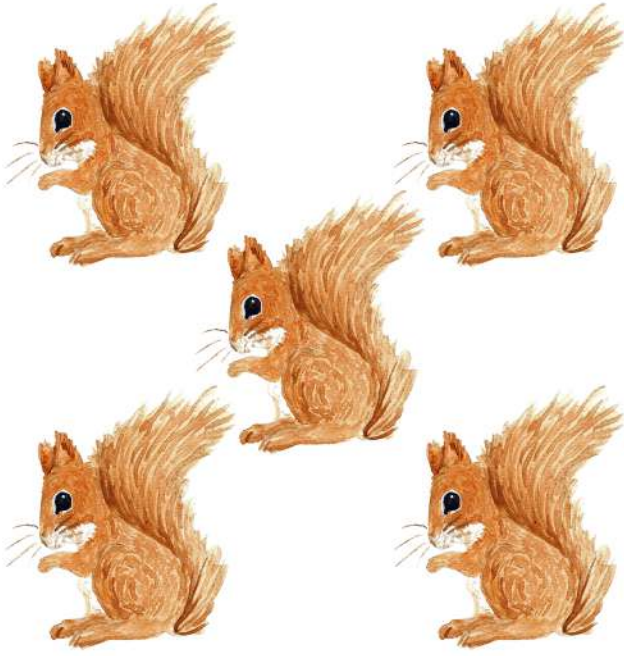
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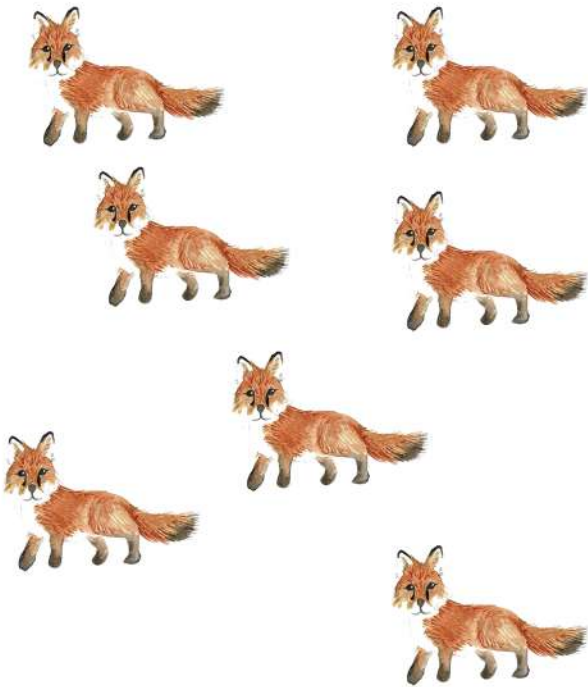
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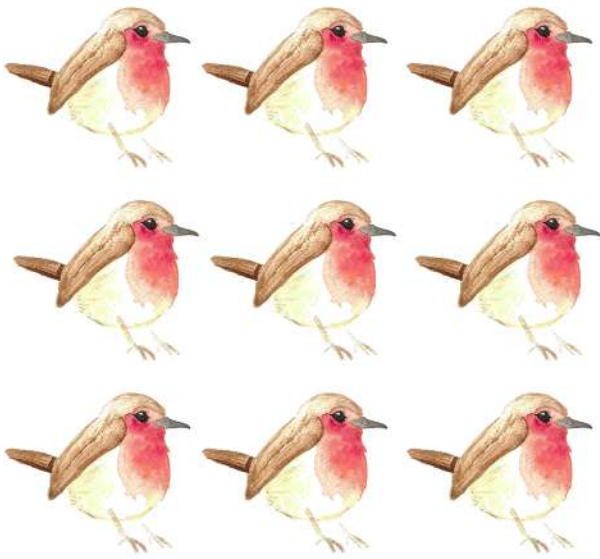
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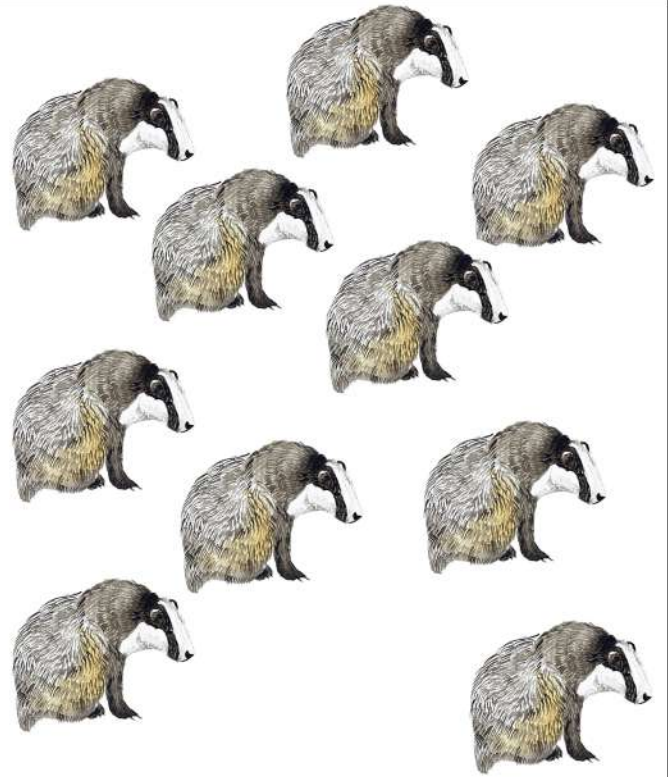
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waxing
gibbous



first
quarter



waxing
crescent



new
moon



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gibbous

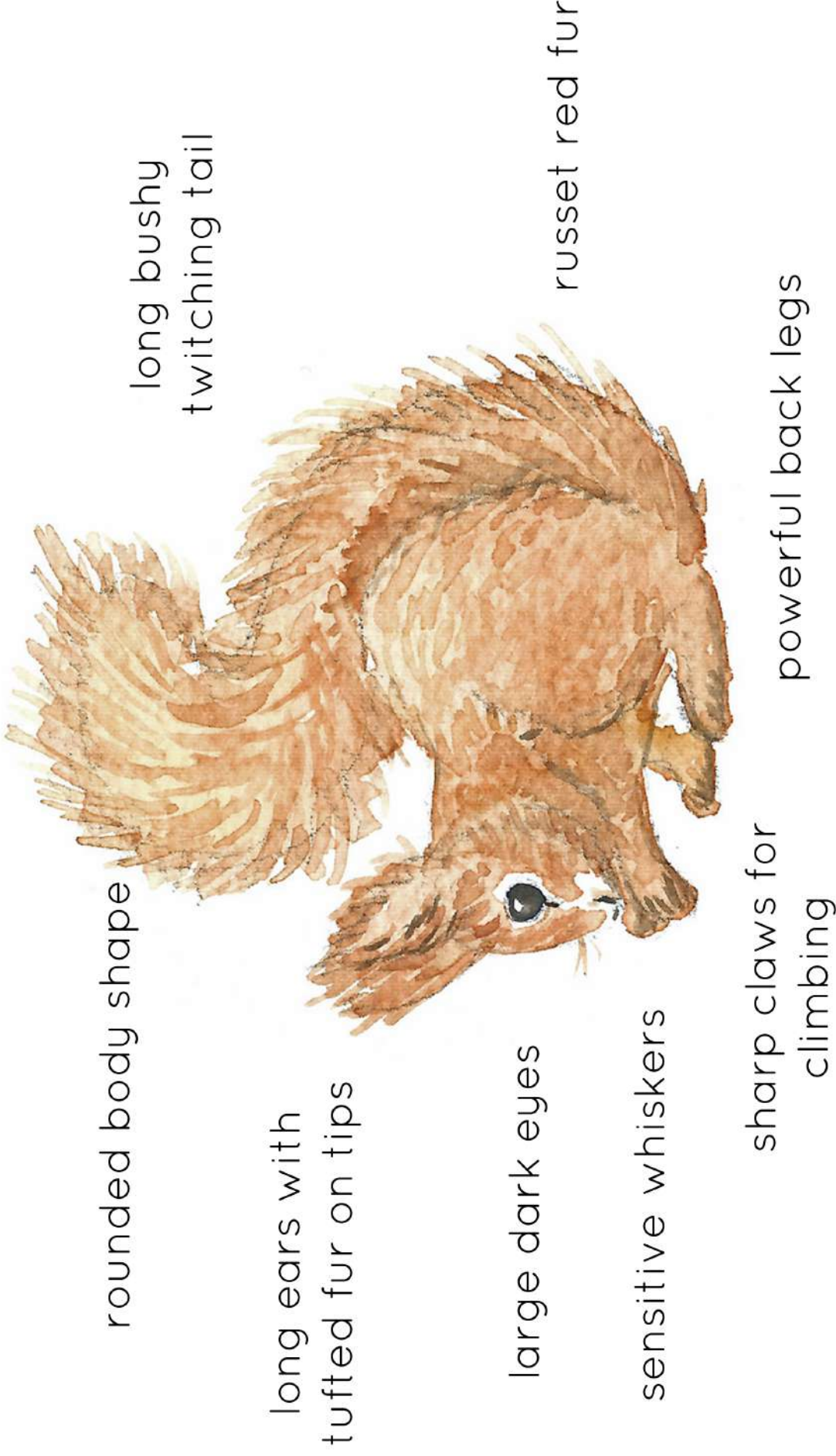


last
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waning
crescent

Anatomy of a Red Squirrel (*Sciurus vulgaris*)



rounded body shape

long ears with
tufted fur on tips

large dark eyes

sensitive whiskers

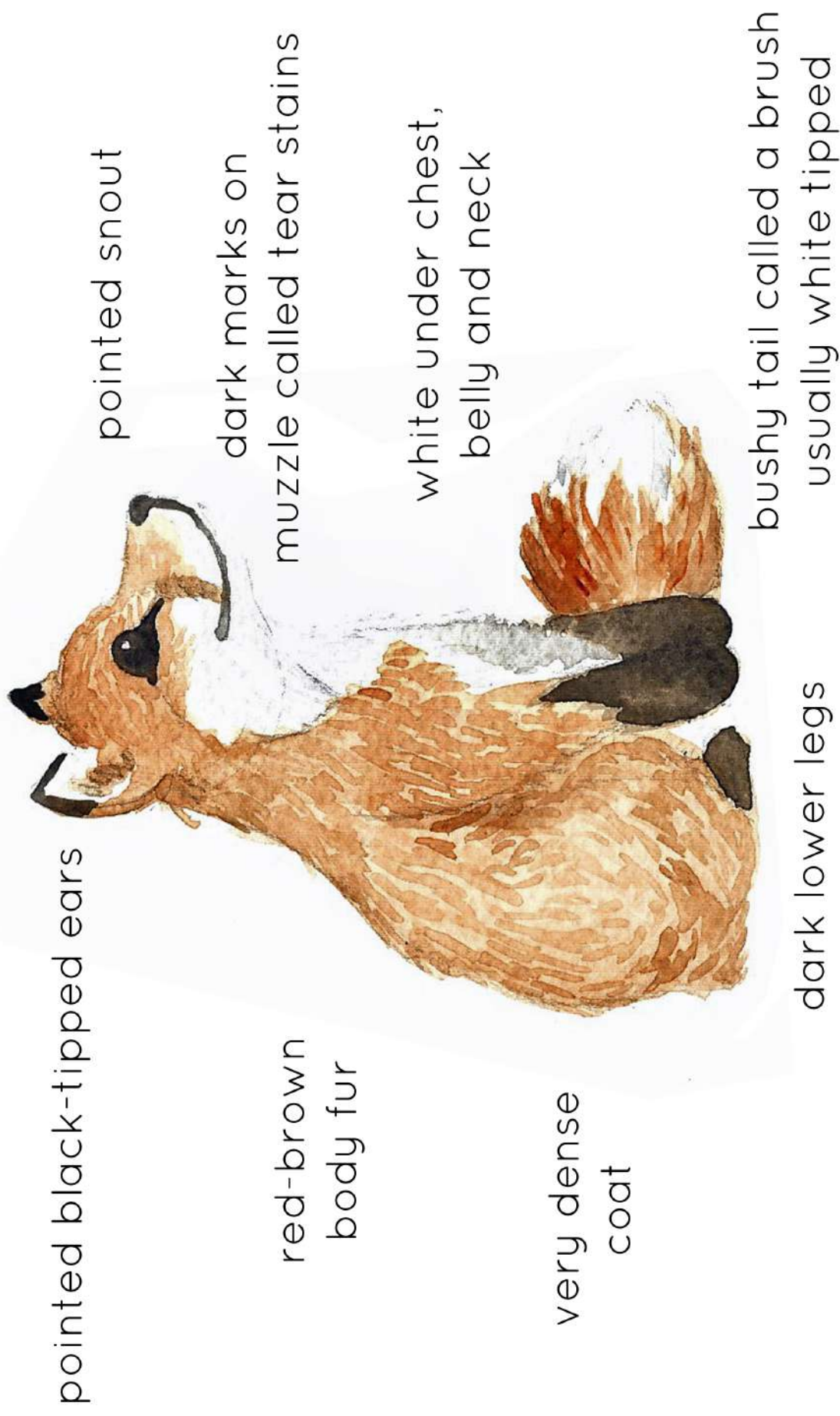
sharp claws for
climbing

long bushy
twitching tail

russet red fur

powerful back legs

Anatomy of a Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)



pointed black-tipped ears

pointed snout

red-brown
body fur

dark marks on
muzzle called tear stains

white under chest,
belly and neck

very dense
coat

dark lower legs

bushy tail called a brush
usually white tipped

Anatomy of a Roe Deer (*Capreolus capreolus*)



Anatomy of a Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*)



hidden ears

tubular eyes

brown-grey speckled
soft feathers for
silent flight

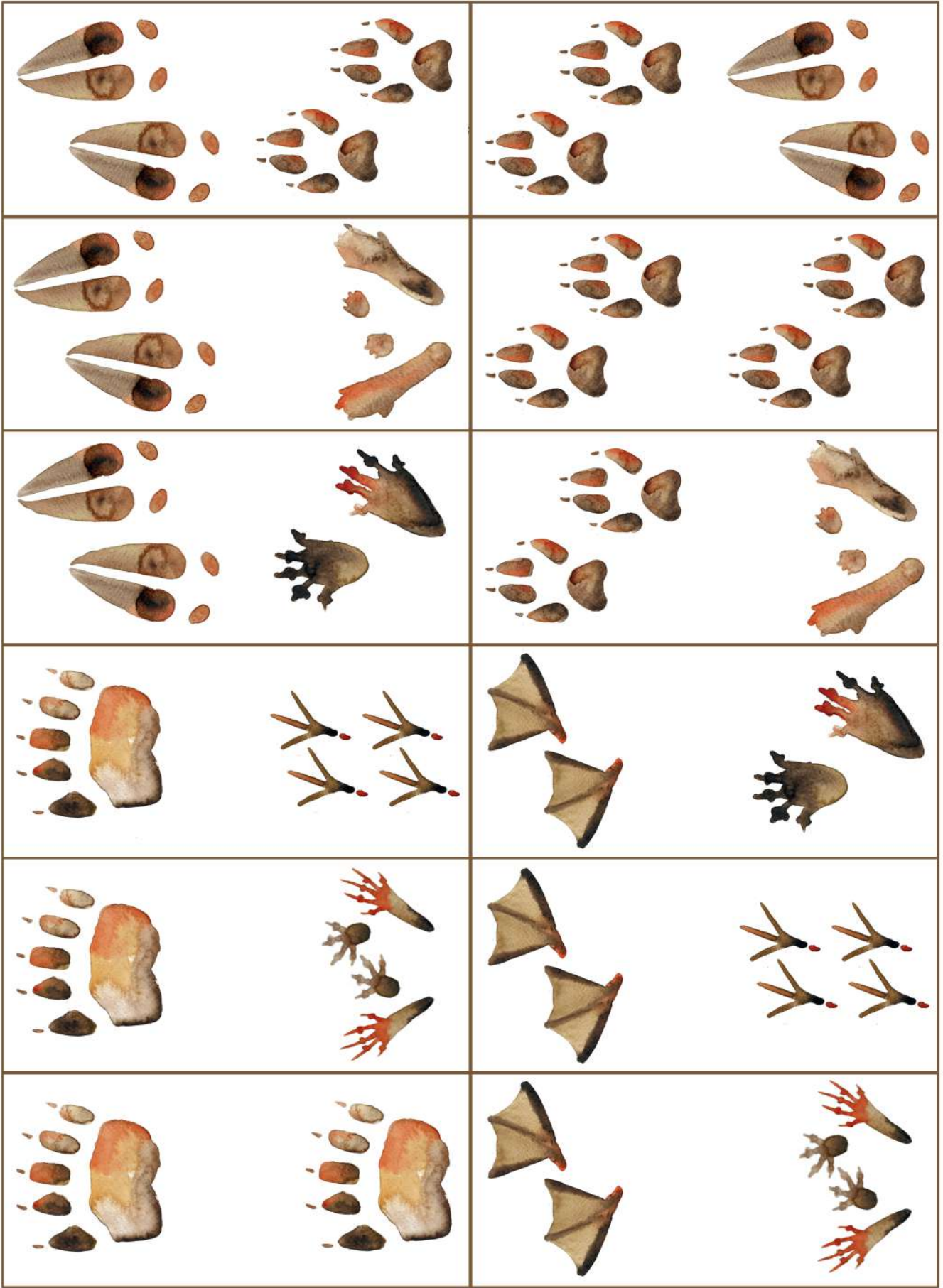
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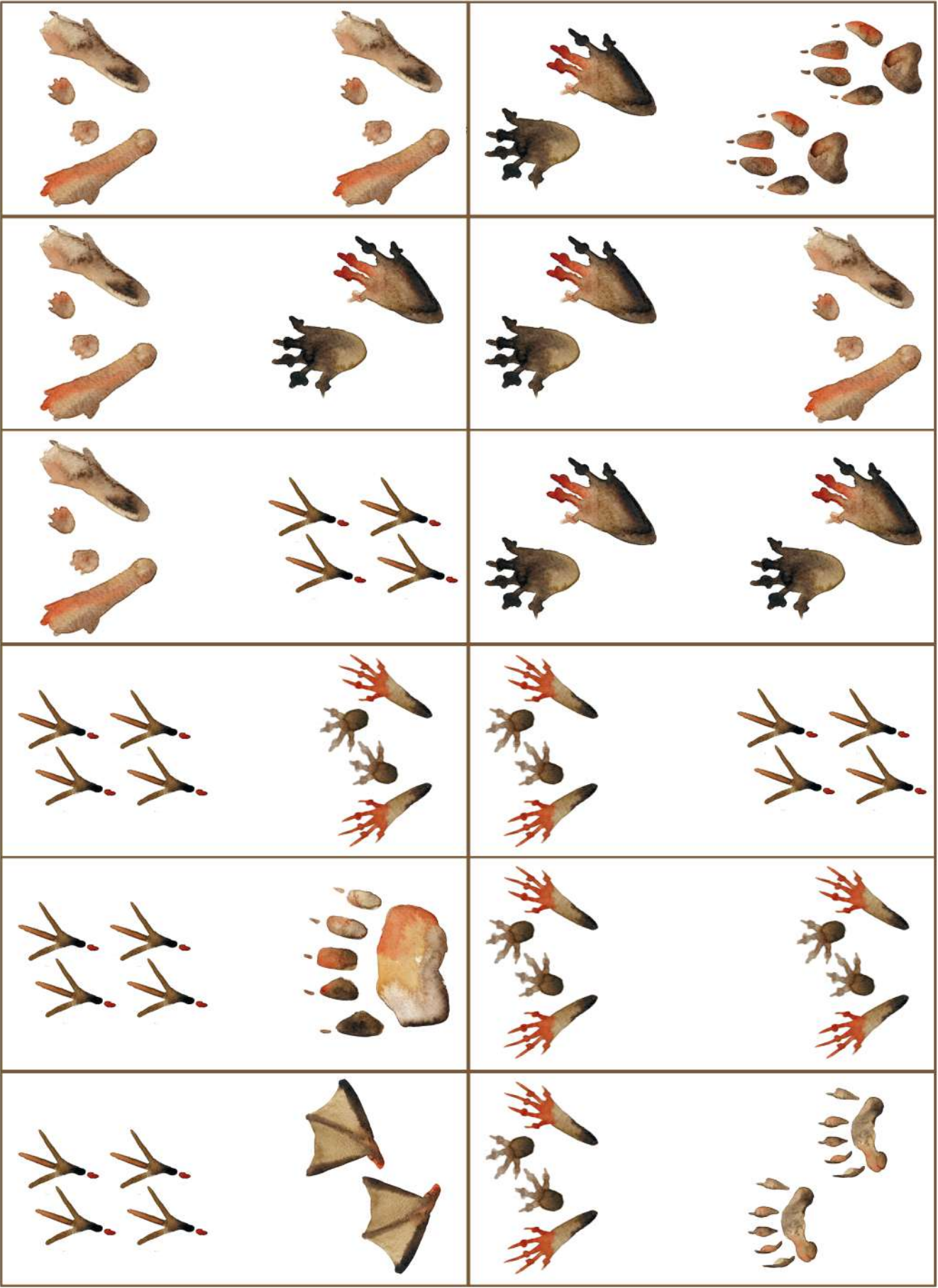
heart shaped face

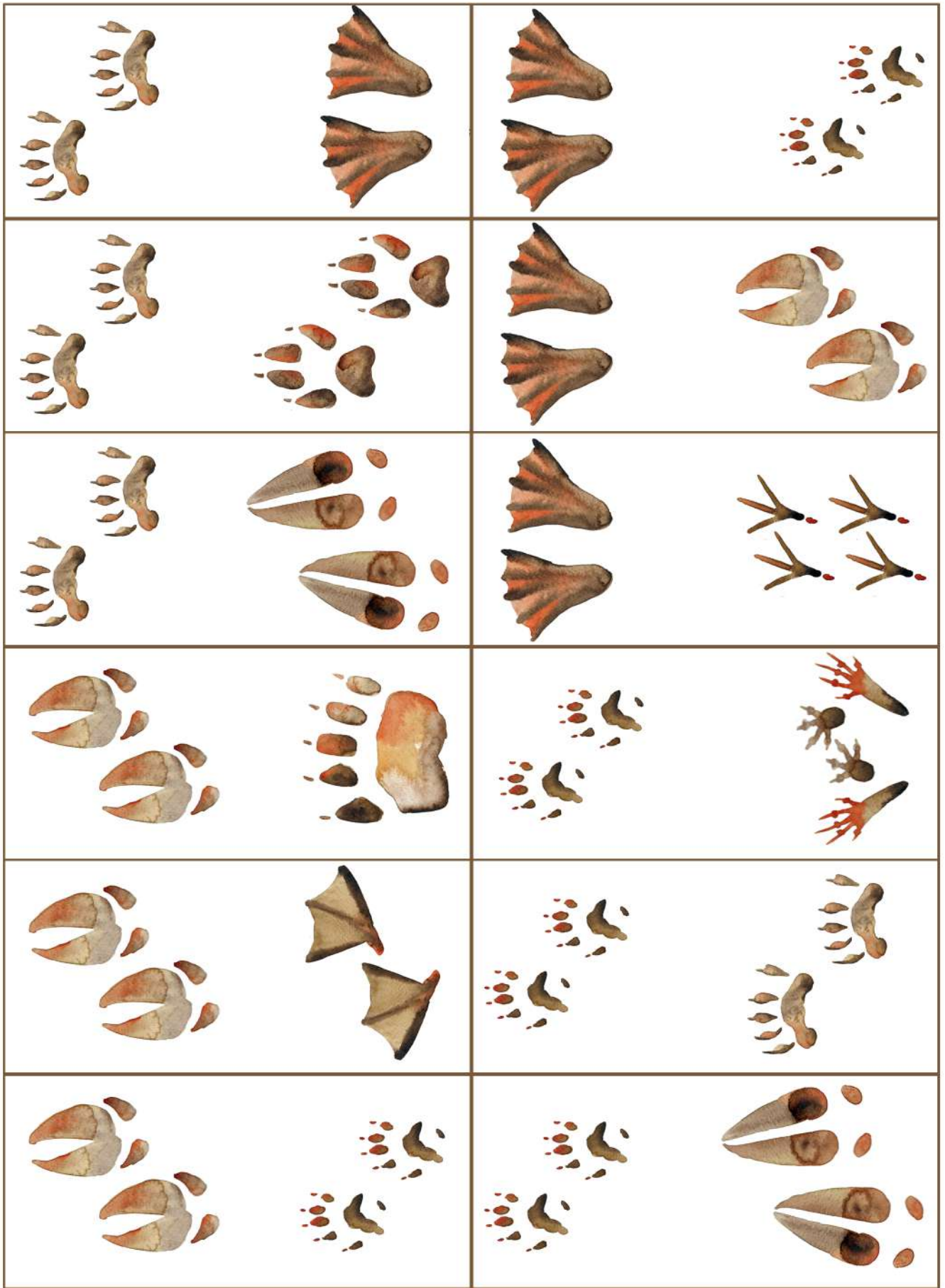
sharp beak

white chest in males
speckled chest in
females

long sharp talons







British Tracks



deer



fox



rabbit



hedgehog



black bird



squirrel



badger



duck



otter



boar



beaver



pine marten



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Printing Tips

To create a tactile finished item I highly recommend printing onto high quality paper, I like to use watercolour paper as the texture is beautiful to handle. For more ideas on ways to use this set, take a look at our instagram account @fiddlesticks.education

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