



# Animal Tracking and Trapping Activities

More schools are interested in teaching students about animal pests, and their effect on our native animals. Two activities run by the Educator are available on this topic.

These are typically run a week apart but sessions can be bespoke according to age and focus of learning.

## Session one: How to we identify animal pests?

Duration: approx. 1.5 hours

Content:

- Who are our animal pests?
- Why are they pests, and what effect do they have on our native wildlife?
- How we know what pests we have?
- Using tracking tunnels to identifying pests by their footprints.
- Bait and place tracking tunnels in school grounds to see what pests you have.

*Optional:*

- Set out chew cards to identify pests by teeth marks – good for possums.

## Session two: The results and an introduction to trapping

Duration: approx. 1 hour

- Collect tracking tunnels (and chew cards) and identify footprints (and chews).
- Right trap for the right pest – demonstrations on how a variety of traps work to kill humanely;

*Optional:*

- Setting up a school wide trapping project. Schools can borrow traps on a short term loan. Support available for the duration of your project.

## What other education resources are available?

The Predator Free NZ website has a great kete of resources for schools that want to get involved in learning about, tracking, and trapping pests.

## What next?

Contact the educator to discuss your requirements, or to book sessions.