

A Parks “Who Dunnit?” Challenge

1) Who left these behind?



Oval shaped pellets about 1 - 1.5 cm. long.

HINT: They might look like chocolate covered peanuts, but don't taste them.

2) Who built this?



Made of sticks, logs, rocks and mud, this structure crosses small creeks in many freshwater habitats across Alberta.

HINT: A mammal that has a large flat tail and webbed hind feet.

3) Who created this weird growth?



Seen on the tips of the branches of White Spruce trees. It is a type of “gall”.

HINT: This growth is created as a nursery of sorts for a tiny insect.

4) Who scribed these lines?



Like strange writing on a log, but created by the young or larvae feeding on it.

HINT: The adults belong to the largest family of insects on the planet.

5) Who left this footprint in the snow?



It shows 4 toes, but no claws.

HINT: The track is only 4 - 5 cm. long and belongs to our smallest wild cat.

6) Who built this mounded mess?



A large mound of spruce cones, chewed cones, needles and branches piled up and tunneled in.

HINT: This is the food cupboard for the chatterbox of our coniferous forests.

7) Who made these little mud balls?



They are like mini-mud popcorn and usually show up after wet weather.

HINT: This creature lives in our soils and is both male and female at the same time.

8) Who drilled these cavities?



The cavities can be large 8 cm or greater in diameter. They are often at the base of spruce trees where carpenter ants live.

HINT: They are made by our largest woodpecker searching for its favourite food.

9) Who built this nest?



High up in a big spruce tree, bigger than two basketballs and made of large sticks.

HINT: These birds are the largest members of the crow family.