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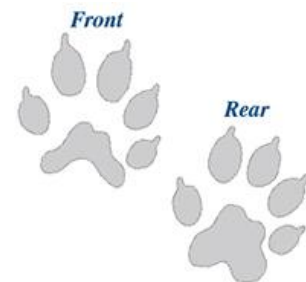
## The Fisher in Connecticut Zoom Presentation December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 PM

The fisher cat is a large member of the Mustelidae (weasel) family. Its name is misleading because unlike the closely related river otter, fishers seldom eat fish. Common names include fisher cat, black cat, and pekan. Alert and secretive, the fisher is a rewarding sight to the wildlife observer.



Finding and identifying fisher tracks can add interest to a winter hike or cross-country ski trip. A fisher's foot has 5 digits. The palm pad of the front foot is C-shaped, curving away from the toes. The heel pad sometimes

shows in the track impression of the front foot. Claw marks are visible. Fishers hunt by zig-zagging through areas of thick, regenerating forest vegetation. Fisher tracks can look different depending on substrate conditions. The track pattern above illustrates the fisher's 2-2 running pattern; it exaggerates the size of the tracks because there are actually 4 prints – 2 hind tracks overlapped over 2 front tracks.



We are pleased to welcome Paul back with a presentation that focuses on the fisher cat in Connecticut. He will present an overview of the fisher habitat, diet, behavior, reproduction, and current research efforts. Paul Colburn is a 2015 graduate of the Master Wildlife Conservationist Program and a certified Master Wildlife Conservationist. This program is sponsored by the **Friends of the Lyme Library and the Lyme Land Trust.**

**This program is free and open to all. You will need to register via email at [programreg@lymepl.org](mailto:programreg@lymepl.org) to receive your invitation to the ZOOM Program.**

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