

FFA WILDLIFE CONTEST

WILDLIFE SKULLS



COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

The following photographs are designed to aid students in identifying various species of wildlife by examining skulls. Contestants should understand that the identification of skulls for State Contest is not limited to the specimens contained in this document. Skulls with horns or antlers attached are considered fair test material even though they do not appear in this printing. Horns and antlers are part of the animal's outward appearance and will facilitate in the identification of that particular animal. A skull may also be included in the practicum if information is given along with the skull that will assist the student in identifying the animal. In such an instance the information accompanying the skull will be sufficient as to allow the contestant to answer the question as if the skull were not present.

There are several different characteristics that are useful in differentiating the skulls illustrated. Special attention should be given to characteristics such as skull size, shape of skull, differences in teeth and length of rostrum (nose).

***Note:** Photos of skulls may also be found in some field guides.

Coyote



Side View

Approximate size of specimen shown:

Length—6 3/8 inches

Height—2 3/4 inches

Coyote



Frontal View

Black Bear



Side View

Approximate size of specimen shown:

Length—12 inches

Height—5 inches

Black Bear



Frontal View

Bobcat



Side View

Approximate size of specimen shown:

Length—4 3/4 inches

Height—2 1/2 inches

Bobcat



Frontal View

Badger



Side View

Approximate size of specimen shown:

Length—4 1/2 inches

Height—2 1/4 inches

Badger



Frontal View

**Left to Right:
Bobcat, Badger, Coyote, and Black Bear**

