

# Skulls and Carcasses Wanted



The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Furbearer Team is interested in collecting the following:

**Bobcat Skulls**

**Otter Skulls**

**Spotted Skunk Carcasses**

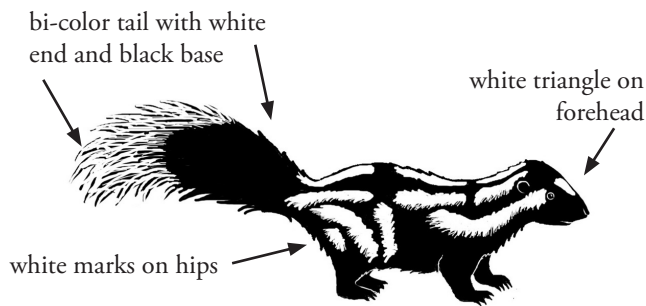
As in recent years, we'll collect bobcat and otter skulls or jaws to pull teeth and look at the age structure of the harvest. Additionally, we're hoping to obtain carcasses of spotted skunks to collect locations and tissue samples, including genetic samples, to increase our knowledge of this elusive furbearer species. Projects such as these are important, as they help us monitor populations and improve our knowledge of North Carolina furbearers. We feel this information will help us maintain trapping for future generations.



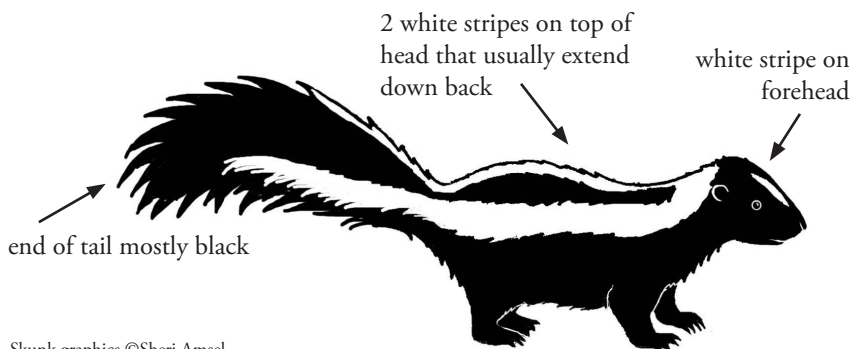
In return for your cooperation, you will receive a furbearer cooperator patch and the age of submitted animals. Thank you in advance!

## Know the Differences Between an Eastern Spotted Skunk and Striped Skunk

### Eastern Spotted Skunk (*Spilogale putorius*)



### Striped Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*)



Skunk graphics ©Sheri Amsel

To submit skulls and carcasses, please label each skull with:

- Your Name
- County of Harvest
- Date Trapped
- Species
- Sex of Animal

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