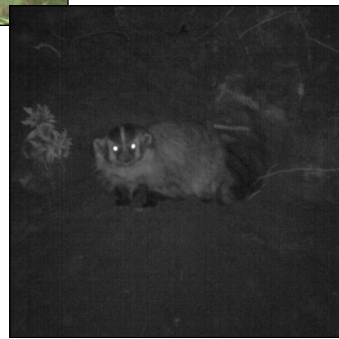


Ontario Badgers



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- **Size of a large raccoon**
- **Short and stout, with a wide and “flattened” body**
- **Black-and-white striped face**
- **Body is mostly gray-brown**
- **Powerful front legs and claws for digging**
- **Burrows are usually wider than they are tall**
- **Fresh burrows can have lots of dirt in front and claw marks on the inside walls**
- **They prey on small animals like mice, groundhogs, chipmunks, and frogs**
- **Solitary animals except when raising their young**

Badgers live here!

Southern Ontario is home to a small population of American Badgers. These rare, native carnivores are members of the weasel family and are among the most elusive animals in the province! Badgers are mostly active by night, tend to avoid people, and wander over large areas. In fact a single badger's territory can easily be several thousand acres and an adult male's can be two or three times as large! They feed on small animals and spend the day in burrows that they dig along the edges of fields, pastures, and forests. We know very little about badgers in Ontario and even their population size and distribution remain a mystery. By investigating burrows and sightings, and collecting roadkills, we can begin to learn more about them.

For more information on these unique animals and how you can help, visit

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To report roadkills, burrows, and sightings, call the Ontario Badger Hotline at

1-877-715-9299 (toll-free)



Your sightings and reports are *very* important!