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Annual Wildlife Report for Isle Royale National Park, 1955

<u>Species</u>	<u>Estimated No. and/or Relative Abundance</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<u>Mammals</u>		
Moose	200 plus	No study of moose has been made at Isle Royale since Biologist Cole's work of 1953 at which time he would not give a figure for population. The estimate of this report may not be accurate within 100%. Moose which were formerly abundant are now hard to find except in the Windigo area. The animals seen were in excellent condition and the range appears to be improving.
Weasel	Uncommon	Occasional reports
Mink	Common	Often reported
Otter		Formerly reported as uncommon. No reliable reports in last two years.
Red Fox	Uncommon	No figures are available but the red fox is frequently seen around the lodges where it has become tame. One is being fed from lunch boxes at Rock Harbor Lodge (September, 1955).
Coyote	Common	Occasionally seen, tracks and scats plentiful and its howl heard often.
Wolf	8-10	Estimated from tracks and scats. Howling heard from all points on the island and wolves seen at Rock Harbor and Tobins Harbor.
Tree Squirrel	Abundant	Seen and heard in all coniferous stands.
Small Rodents	Common	Peromyscus frequently observed.
Beaver	Abundant	Can be seen in all bays, lakes and streams. Much beaver hair found in wolf scats.
Muskrat	Uncommon	Sign found in some swamps and old beaver ponds.
Hare	Common	Probably on a rising cycle of abundance as more are reported than last year, but not as many as four years ago.