Station 2: Animal Pelts

Instructions:

1. **At this station there are 4 pelts from different species of wildlife indigenous to the local area. Become acquainted with each pelt: pick it up, feel how soft it is, how heavy it is, and how big.**

2. **Study the information sheet and answer the following questions**

   A. **Why must the beaver and muskrat have such a thick pelt? What is it composed of?**

   B. **What role do the colors of the pelts play for each species?**

   C. **If you were a trapper, when would it be best to harvest the pelts from the animals? Why?**

- The pelts used in this lab were obtained for educational purposes and were ordered from a company that uses only animals that died of natural causes, were road kill, or died in captivity.