Japanese giant flying squirrel (*Petaurista leucogenys*) (Sciuridae)
A hold about the size of an adult fist on a thick tree trunk may be the nest for a Japanese giant flying squirrel.See if you can find some small round droppings around the tree roots.

Japanese marten (*Martes melampus*) (Mustelidae)
Droppings about the size of an adult pinky found on top of stone walls or other noticeable places may be from a Japanese marten. See if you can find vegetation or insect wings in them.

Traces of the Animals Living on Mt. Takao are Right in Front of You

There are 31 species of mammals living on Mt. Takao. Many are nocturnal and are very cautious so it is difficult to find them. It may be hard to believe there are wild boars and Japanese martens (*Martes melampus*) out there but they are there. Look down by your feet and you will see traces of the animals found on Mt. Takao. Observe closely along the sides of mountain climbing trails and tufts of grass.

Japanese raccoon dog (*Nyctereutes procyonoides viverrinus*) (Canidae)
If you see droppings the size of an adult thumb along the sides of mountain climbing trails or tufts of grass, which could be the outhouse for a Japanese raccoon dog. Japanese raccoon dogs collect their droppings in the same spot and these spots are called latrines.

Small Japanese Mole (*Mogera imaizumii*) (Talpidae)
If you see mounds of dirt on the ground it may be sign that there are mole tunnels underneath. The dirt mounds are called molehills.

Japanese squirrel (*Sciurus lis*) (Sciuridae)
Chewed pine cones that look like shrimp tempura may have been left behind after a squirrel feasted on them.

Wild boar (*Sus scrofa*) (Suidae)
A dug up hole about the size of a manhole on the side of a path could be traces of a wild boar searching for food.They use their nose to dig dirt. Look for boar hoof prints.