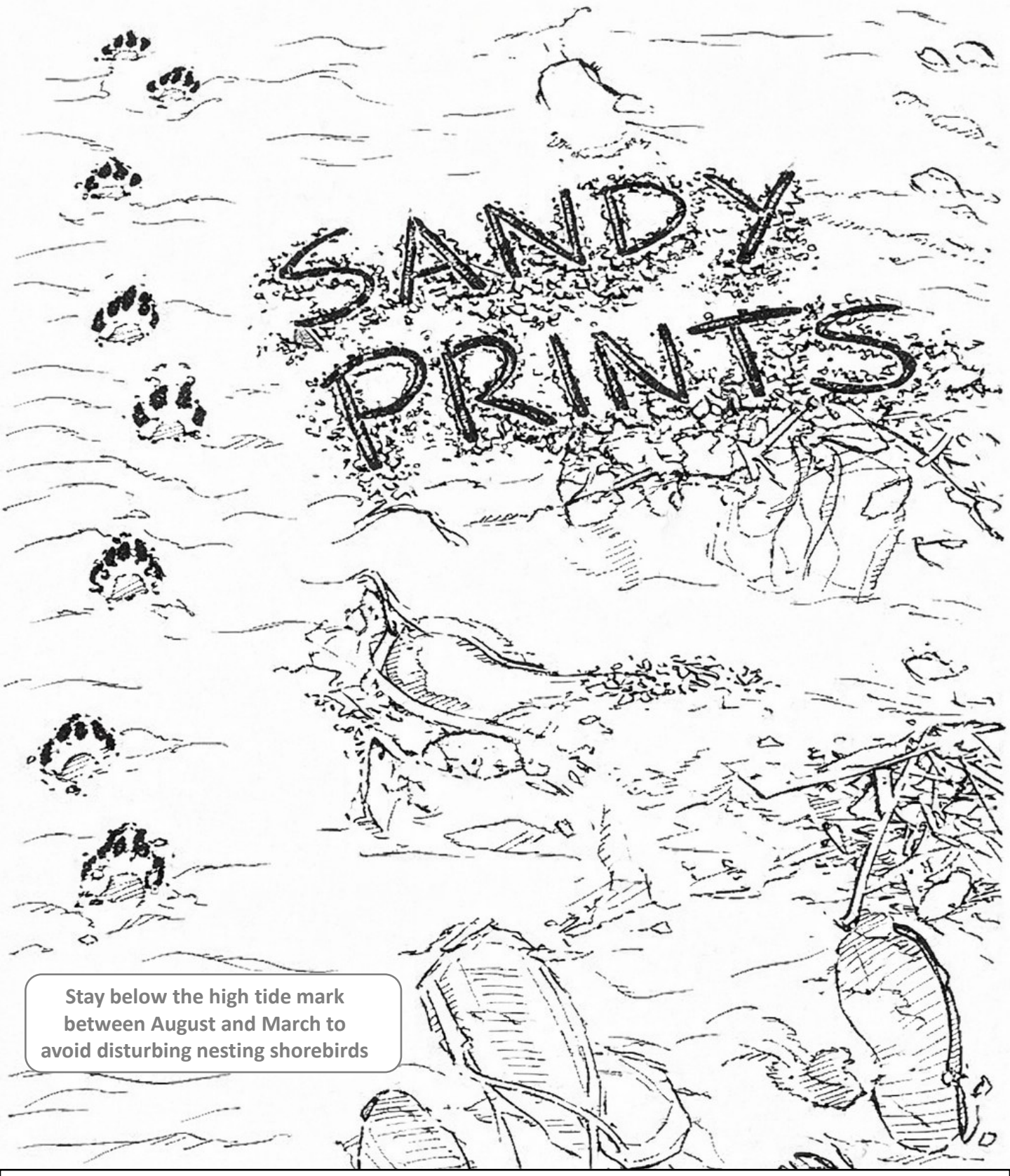

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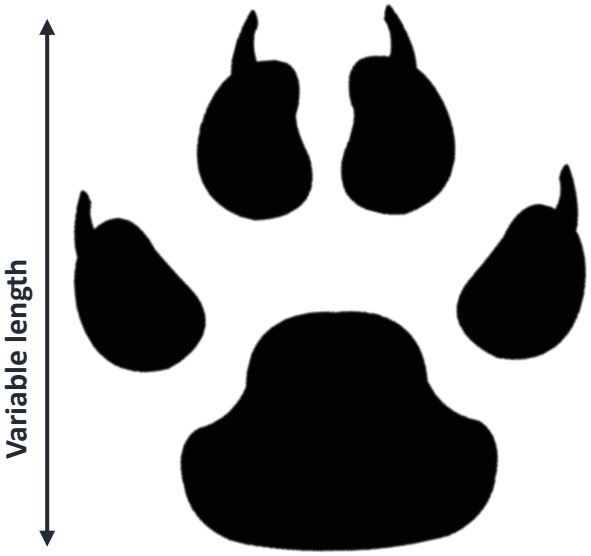
MAMMAL FOOTPRINTS: AT A GLANCE

Footprints shown at actual size



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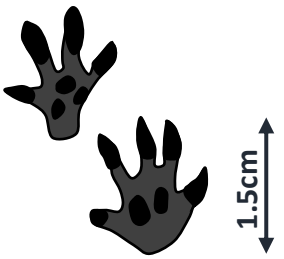

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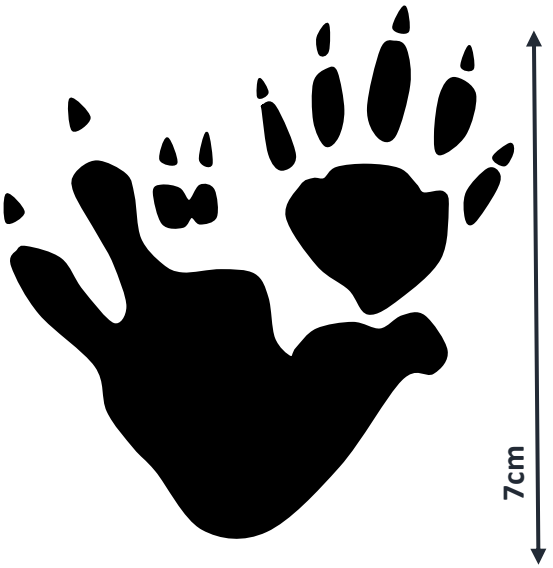

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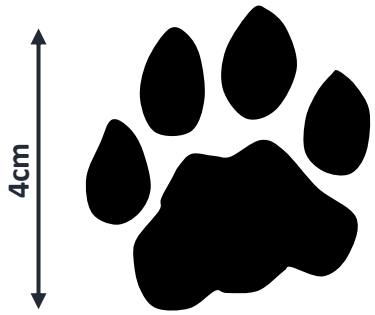

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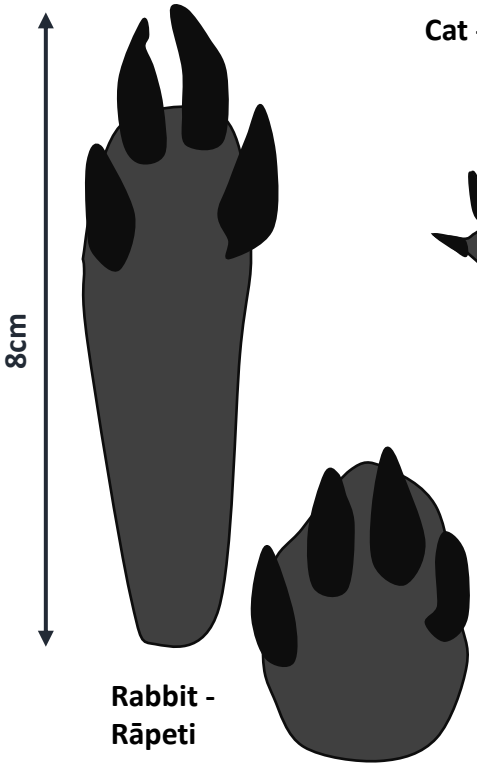

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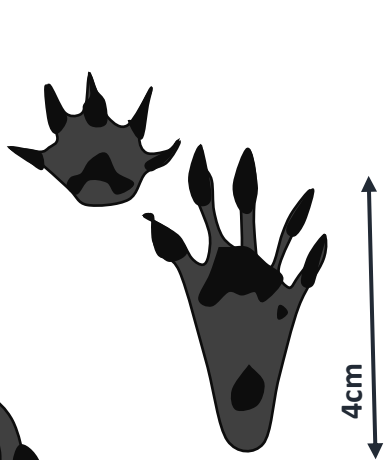

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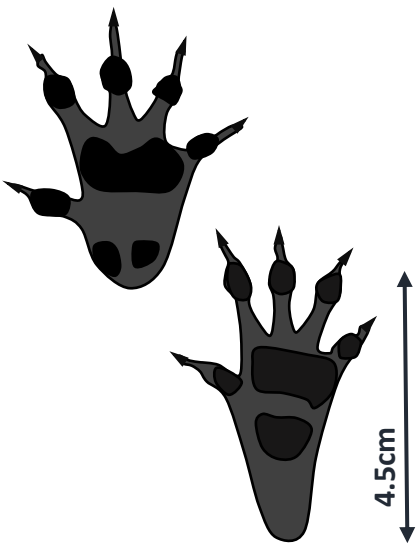
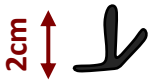


Hedgehog - Tuatete

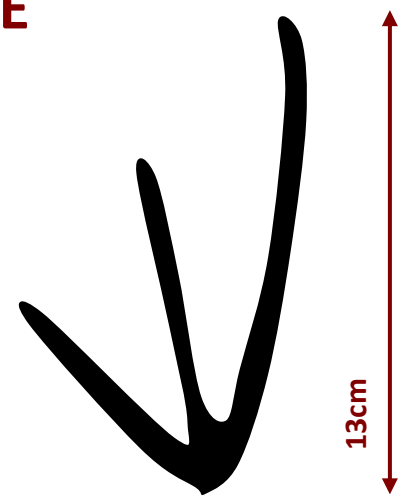
BIRD FOOTPRINTS: AT A GLANCE

Footprints shown at half actual size

NZ dotterel - Tūturiwhatu



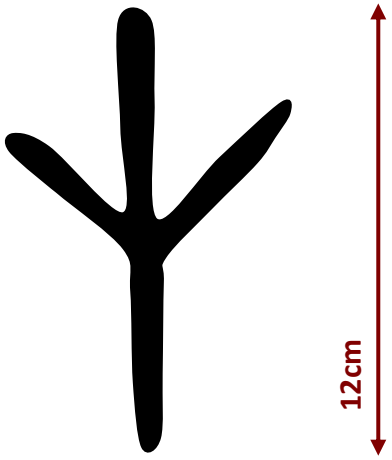
Banded dotterel - Pohowera



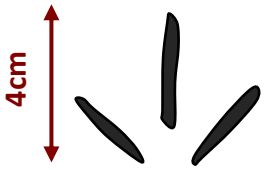
Black shag - Māpunga

Variable oystercatcher – Tōrea pango

Spur-winged plover

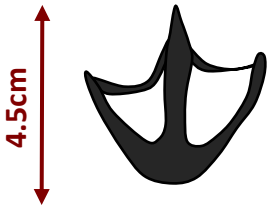


Reef heron – Matuku moana

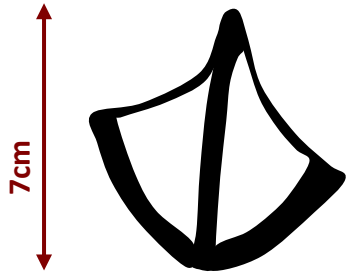


Pied stilt – Pōaka

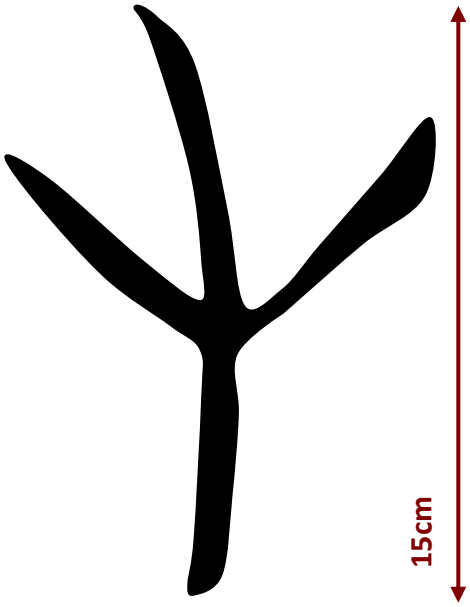
White-fronted tern - Tara



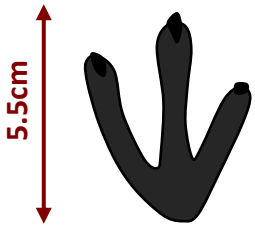
Red-billed gull - Tarāpunga



Black-backed gull - Karoro



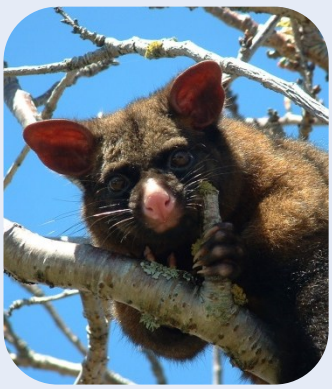
White-faced heron – Matuku moana

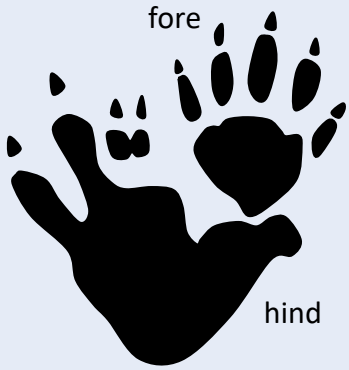


Little blue penguin - Kororā

MAMMAL FOOTPRINTS

DOG|KURĪ Large pads and claws visible. Variable in length.





POSSUM|PAIHAMU Large pads. Front and back footprints close together.

CAT|NGERU Large pads. Claws not visible (retracted).

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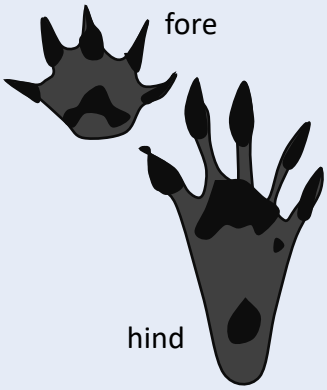
HEDGEHOG|TUATETE Front feet are broader and shorter than back feet. Claws visible. Fuzzy appearance.



STOAT|TORIURA Tricky to identify in sand. Claws visible.

RABBIT|RĀPETI Length of back feet not always obvious in sand if running. Jumping results in gaps between 4 prints.

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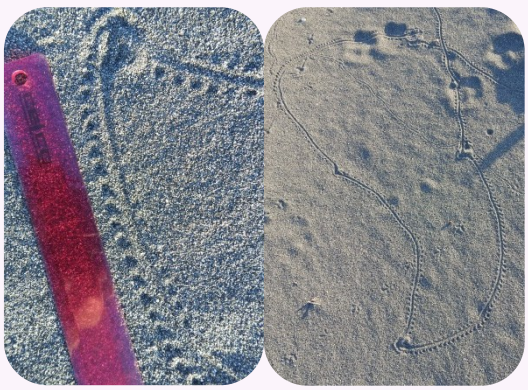
RAT|KIORE Four toes on front foot and five toes on back foot. Small prints, 1.5cm wide. Mouse prints similar but <1cm.

INVERTEBRATE PRINTS



LARGE SAND SCARAB|NGUNGUTAWA Distinctive trails. Look out for the large grubs or beetles at the end of the tracks.

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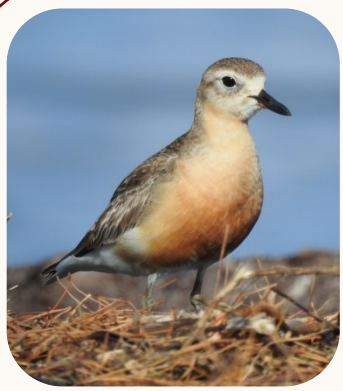

NZ DOTTEREL|TŪTURIWHATU L = 3cm. Asymmetric toes.
Dotterels walk on their toes so heel often not visible.

BANDED DOTTEREL|POHOWERA L = 2cm. Asymmetric toes.
Similar to NZ dotterel footprints only smaller.

VARIABLE OYSTERCATCHER|TŌREA PANGO L = 5cm.
Oystercatchers walk on their toes so heel not always visible.
Toes more chunky than spur-winged plover.

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PIED STILT|PŌAKA L = 4cm. Slimmer toes than oystercatcher and plover.

SPUR-WINGED PLOVER L = 4cm. Toes slightly slimmer than oystercatcher. Walk on their toes so heel not always visible.

LITTLE BLUE PENGUIN|KORORĀ L = 5.5cm. Chunky toes and visible heel. Note narrow angle of toes compared to the oystercatcher. Angle of all toes always less than 75º.

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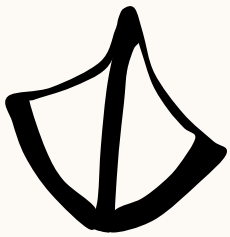


BLACK-BACKED GULL|KARORO L = 7cm. Webbing on feet noticeable in soft sand.



RED-BILLED GULL|TARĀPUNGA L = 4.5cm. Webbing visible in soft sand. Smaller prints than black-backed gull.



WHITE FRONTED TERN|TARA L = 2cm. Webbing visible. Middle toe elongated.

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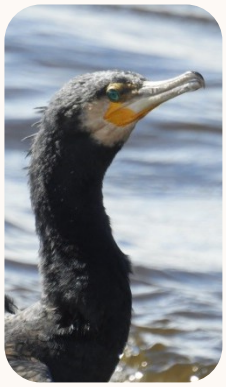
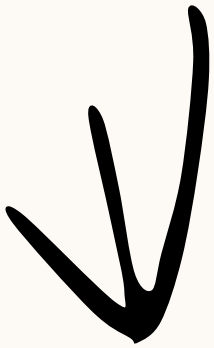
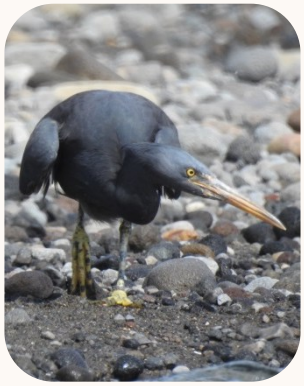
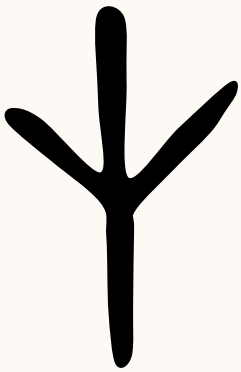


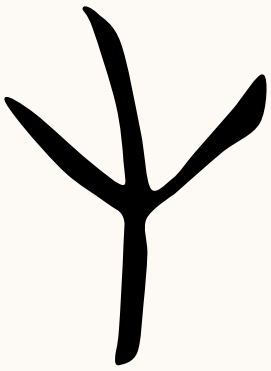


BLACK SHAG/MĀPUNGA L = 13cm. Webbing sometimes visible. Often shuffle feet, with prints close together.





REEF HERON/MATUKU MOANA L = 12cm.



WHITE-FACED HERON/MATUKU MOANA L = 15cm. Similar to reef heron.

Other New Zealand footprint guides

NZ Tracker website:
https://nztracker.org/index.html

Pest detectives website:
http://www.pestdetective.org.nz/clues/footprints-and-tracks/

What made these tracks? A guide to assist in interpreting the tracks of small mammals, lizards and insects. By Warren Agnew:
https://gotchatraps.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/3.-What-Made-These-Tracks.pdf

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