



Seeking Carcasses and Location Data for Weasels Harvested in Minnesota

What do we want? We are seeking carcasses of weasels harvested in the state of Minnesota, along with details on where the animals were harvested and date of capture.



How will contributed samples & data be used?

Contributed samples will be used for teaching and research of undergraduate wildlife students at South Dakota State University. Research projects may include (1) using stomach contents to perform dietary analyses, (2) using DNA to confirm species ID and composition of harvest among the 3 weasel species in MN, (3) evaluating carcasses for the presence of parasites, and/or (4) other questions that might be of interest to trappers or MN wildlife managers.

Will the location data you provide be distributed? No. Many folks do not want to share specific locations or may not have access to specific location data. Location data you provide will not be shared or distributed in any way; only the researchers at SDSU will have access to this information. Any research or publications resulting from this data will not include specific locations, beyond general descriptions of data (e.g., county).

Location data may include:

- GPS Coordinates
- Physical Descriptions
- Township Sections

How should the carcasses be stored? Each carcass should be stored frozen in it's own plastic bag (e.g., Ziplock bag). If you are interested in contributing carcasses, we are happy to mail you storage bags. Location and date of capture can be written on the bag in permanent marker.

How should carcasses and data be submitted? If you have weasel carcasses to contribute, please contact Rob Lonsinger (information below) to coordinate submission. Depending on your location, carcasses may be dropped off at a MN DNR Wildlife office, furbearer registration days, or alternative arrangements can be made.

For additional information contact:

Help provide a platform for teaching our future wildlife managers about the important role trappers play in supporting wildlife monitoring and research!

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