

# School of Professor Brock

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Entry

## Badger basics

Latin name:  
meles meles

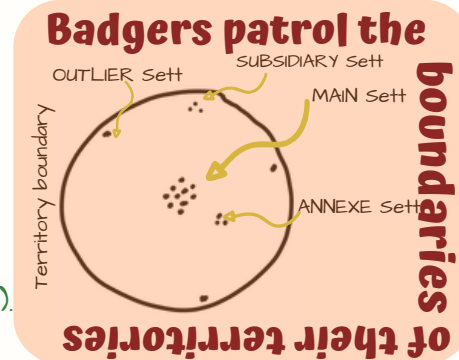


The badger is Britain's biggest land predator

Old English term:  
BROCK

### Underground homes

A badger's home is called a **SETT**, a network of underground tunnels & chambers. They have several **SETTS** in their **TERRITORY**



**Clans** Badgers in Britain live in groups known as **CLANS**, with an average of 5 to 6 adults

Each clan has a dominant **BOAR** (male) and dominant **SOW** (female). **CUBS** are born between December and February.

### Social but not sociable

Whilst badgers live in a social group, they spend a lot of time on their own



### Nocturnal

Badgers are **NOCTURNAL**. They come out at night

### Do UK badgers hibernate?

No, but they are less active outside the sett during Winter



### Smell

Smell is a badger's best sense. It is 700 to 800 times better than ours!

### Opportunistic Omnivore

Badgers eat animal and plant matter and are known as **OPPORTUNISTIC OMNIVORES**



### Foragers

Badgers spend the night **FORAGING**, and may cover more than a mile during a night

**Grooming** Badgers often **GROOM** themselves or other clan members as a way of:

- removing parasites
- bonding with other clan members



**Dig!!** Badgers are great diggers! As well as setts, they dig dung pits as toilets, and snuffle holes when searching for food



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Badgers move **BACKWARDS** when digging their setts and when dragging bedding to their sett!

### Creatures of habit

Badgers may occupy the same setts and follow the same paths for generations. You can see their tracks in the countryside

