

black; and a third sort of a whitish grey, or ash-colour, intermixed also with black. The ermine is likewise found here, but small and scarce, nor is the hair remarkably fine, tho' quite white, except at the tip of the tail; the racoons and squirrels are of the common sort, but the latter is less than ours, and has a deeper rusty colour running along the back.

Captain *Cook* says, he was clear as to the existence of all the above animals, but that there were two, which he could not distinguish with that certainty; one seemed to be that of the elk, or moose-deer, or buffalo; the other a species of the wild cat, or lynx. Hogs, dogs and goats have not as yet found their way to this place; nor do the natives seem to have any knowledge of our house-rats. Such as they saw on board the English ships, they called squirrels; and the goats they called *cineetla*, which is the name they give to fawns.

At Prince William's Sound, they have the white bear, the wolverene, or quickhatch, with very bright colours; and a large sort of ermine; but one of the most beautiful skins met with, and which seems peculiar to this place, is that of a small animal, about ten inches long, of a brown, or rusty colour on the back, with a great number of obscure whitish specks; and the sides, of a blueish ash-colour also, with a few of these specks, something of the mouse or squirrel kind.