



COMMON GRAY FOX

Urocyon cinereoargenteus



The common gray fox has quite a lot of red hair, so it is often confused with the red fox. The hair along the middle of the back and tail is tipped in black and has the appearance of a black mane. The fox pups are brownish-black and fully furred, but blind for the first nine days. The common gray fox is essentially nocturnal. Although it is seldom recognized, it has a yapping bark. It is also referred to as a “tree fox” or “cat fox,” because it is the only member of the dog family capable of climbing trees.



SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

The common gray fox may reach lengths of 40 inches from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail.

WEIGHT

The common gray fox typically weighs between 7 and 13 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

The common gray fox is an omnivore. It eats mice, rabbits, fish, berries, fruit, and insects.

HABITAT

The common gray fox can be found in and near forests, large areas of brush, and river valleys.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The common gray fox is found throughout most of the United States and into Mexico.

FUN FACT

The common gray fox has a louder voice than the red fox, although it barks less often.