



RED FOX

Vulpes vulpes



The red fox has a red coat, a pale underside, and a bushy tail. The lower legs are black, and the tip of the tail is usually white. It typically can be found in open country with nearby cover. The male fox keeps to himself for much of the year, but he does stay with his mate until the young can be on their own. The female is the protector of the young and builder of the den in which they stay. This species has the widest geographic distribution of any member of the dog family.



SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

An adult red fox is approximately 22 to 24 inches in length.

WEIGHT

The average red fox weighs between seven and 15 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

The red fox is an omnivore. It eats a variety of foods including fish, small mammals, birds, insects, nuts, berries, fruit, and carrion.

HABITAT

The red fox is found in a variety of habitats including forests, prairies, deserts, and farmlands.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The red fox is found throughout much of the northern hemisphere, from the Arctic circle south to Central America, central Asia, and northern Africa.

FUN FACT

The red fox has a keen sense of hearing and is able to hear low frequency sounds such as those made by small burrowing animals.