

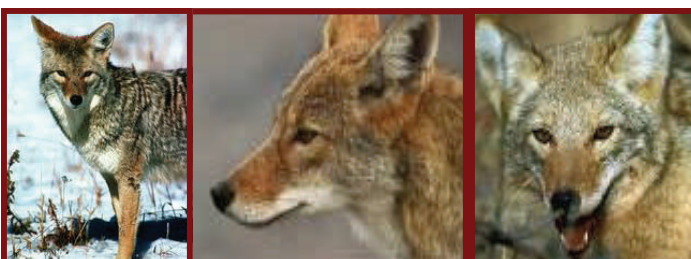


COYOTE

Canis latrans



This member of the dog family can vary in color from gray to brown to yellowish. The muzzle, forehead, and sides of the legs are reddish-brown. Coyotes are significantly smaller than wolves and much larger than foxes. Coyotes typically live in wooded lots near open fields, and they are relatively tolerant of human activities. Coyotes tend not to form large packs, but family units are common. The coyote, which is mostly nocturnal, is a fast and efficient hunter that eats almost any mammal smaller than itself. It has a life span of six to eight years in the wild.



SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

Coyotes are typically around three feet in length, with a shoulder height of about two feet.

WEIGHT

Most adult coyotes weigh between 20 and 40 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

Coyotes are primarily carnivorous, feeding on small mammals, birds, reptiles, and carrion. However, they will also readily eat berries and other plant material.

HABITAT

Coyotes can be found in a variety of habitats, including forests, grasslands, deserts, and swamps. They have adapted to the presence of humans exceptionally well, and they can also be found in suburban and urban areas.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The coyote is found throughout, Canada, the United States, Mexico, and Central America.

FUN FACT

Coyotes use a complex system of vocal communications that include howls, yelps, huffs, and barks.