Coyote

NATURAL HISTORY

Coyotes are medium sized, slender members of the canine family. They have adapted easily to the expansion of human communities into their habitat and can occasionally be found in urban and suburban neighborhoods. Coyotes may live alone or in small "packs" of up to six. They hunt at all hours of the day and night but may be seen more often in the early morning or just before sunset. Coyotes are opportunistic feeders and will eat almost anything, alive or dead, garbage, meat, fish, vegetables, berries or whatever they can find easily. Their natural diet consists mostly of rabbits, rodents and carrion. They do not normally pose a threat to livestock, however, hungry coyotes may occasionally take small domestic animals or poultry.

Breeding Season & Litter

Coyotes breed from January through March. They are considered monogamist. Coyotes have a litter with 4 - 7 pups. The puppies are born in March - May after a gestation period of 60 days.

Tips on avoiding Interactions

Do not feed wildlife! This increases the chances that the animal will lose its natural fear of humans.

Do not leave small pets outside unattended. Left outside at night, small pets may become prey for mountain lions. Properly secure domestic birds to reduce their risk of becoming prey.

Do not move "abandoned" baby coyotes! Coyote mothers leave their babies alone while they hunt for food. Baby coyotes found alone are typically not orphaned.

Keep your dogs on a leash! When out on a walk, keep your pets leashed to greatly reduce the chance of a negative wildlife encounter.

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