

COYOTES

in Oakland County

Coyotes are common throughout North America. They can be found in natural habitats as well as urban and suburban areas.

COYOTE FACTS

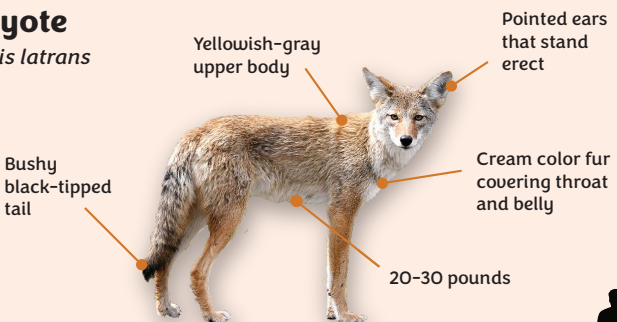
- Coyotes are members of the dog family.
- Coyotes are curious, adaptable, and learn quickly. They are highly communicative and bark, yip, and howl.
- You may see and hear coyotes more during mating season (Jan.-Mar.) and when juveniles leave family groups (Sept.-Feb.).
- Coyotes mainly eat mice, voles, rabbits, fawns, and other small animals.
- Coyotes may be difficult to distinguish from German shepherd dogs at a distance, but are usually less than half the size and have proportionally longer legs.



COYOTE ID

Coyote

Canis latrans



HOW TO KEEP COYOTES WILD

ELIMINATE OUTDOOR FOOD SOURCES

Be sure trash (especially food waste) is secure. Don't place pet food outside and don't feed feral cats. Fallen seed beneath bird feeders will draw rodents that may also attract coyotes.



HAZE COYOTES



If a coyote is watching or following you, haze it by waving your arms above your head and making loud noises. Shout "go away" and if necessary, throw a stick in its direction. A healthy fear of people keeps coyotes wild.

NEVER APPROACH OR TOUCH A COYOTE

Even though coyotes rarely present a threat to people or pets, never approach a coyote. In the unlikely event of an attack, hit, kick, or throw something at the coyote.



PARK REGULATIONS

- Always keep dogs on a 6-foot dog leash.
- Never allow dogs off leash except within the securely fenced dog parks.
- Place trash, including food, in covered garbage receptacles.

FOR QUESTIONS:

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