



COYOTES LIVE HERE

Coyotes have lived in this area for a long time and generally mind their own business. It's normal to see coyotes around town. They aren't lost. They're running errands in their neighborhood. Coyotes are about 25-40 pounds, generally hunt and travel alone, and tend to live in family groups made up of the parents and their offspring from multiple years. Coyotes are opportunistic omnivores. They mainly eat small animals (like rodents), fruit, nuts, and food from human sources (like food waste and pet food).



REMOVE COYOTE ATTRACTANTS.



Coyotes get by just fine in hidden places all over the metro area. Do not accidentally or intentionally feed coyotes; it isn't safe for you, and it isn't safe for them. Pet food, wildlife feeders, trash, compost, fallen fruit, and brush piles that attract rats can all attract coyotes.



SUPERVISE YOUR PETS.

Keep cats and dogs indoors, supervised, or on a leash.



IF YOU SEE A COYOTE, SCARE IT AWAY!

The best way to keep coyotes wild and out of trouble is to help them maintain their natural avoidance of humans. A coyote that is used to being near humans is more likely to cause conflict. We like to clap, shake a can with coins, blow a whistle, or yell, "Move on, coyote!"



REPORT YOUR SIGHTINGS.

Consider reporting your sightings to the Portland Urban Coyote Project. Your sighting reports help us understand how humans and coyotes interact. Thank you!



RECOGNIZE UNUSUAL BEHAVIOR.

A coyote that is aggressive, extremely difficult to scare away, or appears severely injured should be reported to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at 971-673-6000. A curious coyote does not need to be reported. Just scare it away so it doesn't get into any trouble.