



# BE COYOTE AWARE

## THEIR LIVES AND YOUR SAFETY DEPEND ON YOU

Coyotes are common throughout North America, including in urban areas. You may see and hear them more during mating season (Dec-Feb) and when juveniles are dispersing from family groups (Sept-Nov). These facts and safety tips will help increase comfort and decrease conflicts when living or recreating near North America's native "Song Dog."

### FACTS

- Coyotes are members of the dog family; they are curious, adaptable, and learn quickly.
- Coyotes often mate for life, are devoted parents, and are highly communicative (barks, yips, howls).
- Coyotes weigh 18-35 pounds in the West and 30-60 pounds in the East. They live alone, in pairs, or in small family groups.
- Coyotes eat large numbers of rodents, as well as fruit, vegetation, insects and carrion. They help keep ecosystems vital, healthy and clean.

### SAFETY

- **DON'T FEED COYOTES.** Their life and your safety depend on coyotes remaining wild and naturally wary of people.
- Coyotes may be more protective of dens/territories during pup rearing (April-Aug). Walk dogs on leashes. Pick up your small dog if you see a coyote.
- If approached, don't run. Wave arms, make noise and walk toward the coyote until he retreats. Be "Big, Bad and Loud."
- Do not attract a coyote; pick up trash.
- Appreciate coyotes from a distance. Share this information with family and friends.

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