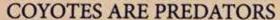
COYOTE AWARENESS

RECOGNIZING COYOTES

Coyotes resemble dogs, and are often mistaken for German Shepards or wolves. They are recognized by their shaggy greyish-brown coats and 15-50 pound frame, coupled with a unique howl.



They play a key role in the balance of the ecosystem: coyotes are top-level predators. Though they are omnivores, the majority of a coyote's diet consists of rodents and other small mammals. These nocturnal animals are wary and often driven by hunger.

THEY LIVE HERE

Native to North American, Eastern coyotes don't just appear in forests or fields. They are also present in suburbs and cities. Keeping garbage, fallen fruit, food waste, and pet feces cleaned up will deter close encounters in residental areas.

COYOTES OFTEN APPEAR

Vocalization and sightings increase between January and May, and then again in the fall. Be sure to keep an eye on pets and small children; rabies is rare in coyotes, but they can mistake small pets as prey and children as threats.



Courtesy of Grand Island Town Supervisor Nate McMurray For more information, call the DEC Regional Wildlife Office at 716-372-0645 or visit www.dec.gov



SAFETY TIPS:

Never feed a coyote Clean up leftover food Keep pets leashed Respect their space

ENCOUNTER TIPS

Never run or turn away Pick up pets/children Slowly walk backwards Wave arms/clothing Yell loudly Throw/shake objects

REMEMBER-

The coyote is likely scared of you, but it is a wild animal.

Act with caution.