

COYOTE FACTS & ENCOUNTERS

What you need know about *Canis latrans*, and the exploding population of this dangerous predator.



FACTS:

The largest coyote ever recorded was 74.75lbs and 5'7" in length

Coyotes can run almost 40 mph and can jump over an 8' fence

Coyotes can have up to 19 pups in each litter. They are the most rapidly reproducing predator species.

Coyote pups in urban areas have a survival rate five times higher than pups in rural areas.

In a 2009 study, from a group of coyotes that were tracked from Nov. 2005 to Feb. 2006, the breakdown of a coyote's diet was found to be:

DIET:

42% Cats 

Unidentified Rodents **33.3%**

17.8% Lagomorphs

2.2% Bird

Dates (fruit) **6.6%**

In 2004, 135,600 sheep were reported lost to coyotes alone, representing 60% of losses due to all predator types and a financial loss of about \$10.7 million for livestock producers.

Coyotes are presently the most abundant livestock predators in western North America. There are 19 recognized subspecies of coyotes in North America.



DID YOU KNOW?

COYOTE - HUMAN ENCOUNTERS:

Despite extensive population control efforts, the coyote is one of the few medium- to large-sized animals that has enlarged its range since human encroachment began.

111 coyote attacks on children and adults have been documented from 1977-2004

Number of individuals injured in attacks including rescue efforts **136**

64% of attacks were adults who were injured by coyotes

The number of human safety incidents where coyotes aggressively approached a human or stalked small children. **62**

79% of attacks have been documented in the span of 10 years, indicating that this problem is increasing.

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