

Information and Tips about Coyotes



Coyotes have been hunted, trapped, poisoned, and persecuted for a very long time. Trying to eliminate coyotes isn't the answer because if they feel a decline in their population they increase their reproductive rate to bounce back.

- Killing is ineffective and costly
- Trapping is inhumane. Traps usually cause severe injuries, pain, and suffering not only to coyotes but also to pets and non-targeted wild animals who are unintentional victims.
- Coyotes generally avoid humans, however, Coyotes who have become too comfortable around people may not run when approached. This can happen when a coyote has found a free buffet in the form of pet food or unsecured garbage in suburban yards.



Clean up leftover pet food, fallen fruit, bird seed, and open compost piles; secure garbage cans; keep cats indoors and supervise dogs when outside.

- Hazing can re-instill coyotes' natural fear of humans. Example of hazing ,being loud (yelling), throwing small objects towards the coyote, spraying it with hose, water guns, spray bottles etc.
- When coyotes begin to raise their young, they stay near their dens. Coyotes may become highly defensive and challenge any other coyote or dog that comes close to the pups. Even people walking their dogs may be challenged.



It's important to realize what this is, parents defending space and their young, not random attacks. Enforcing leash laws in open spaces and natural areas will keep coyotes, dogs, and humans safe.