

Coyote

Canis latrans



-Coyotes can be found throughout the entire continental United States, much of Canada, and Alaska.

-Coyotes are adept at survival. They will kill their own prey, steal from another animal's kill, or scavenge from people's leftovers.

-Although rather shy, coyotes often live in close contact with humans.



-Coyotes in Bandelier are about the size of a German Shepard with gray to tan to yellow fur. Their muzzles are more pointed and they have deep yellow eyes heavily ringed by black.

-Coyotes can live singly, in pairs, or in extended family groups known as packs.

-Coyotes can communicate using yips, barks, and of course, howls.

-Coyotes are often depicted as tricksters in Native American stories. They are very intelligent and adapt quickly to a changing environment.

-Coyote parents both care for young pups. Food is often regurgitated for very young pups.



-Coyote populations tend to decline in areas with healthy wolf populations.

-Coyotes are active year-round. They often take over the abandoned burrow of a badger or fox.

-Coyotes can breed with domesticated dogs.

