

A photograph of a red fox standing in a natural, sandy environment with sparse vegetation. The fox is the central focus, shown from the side, looking towards the right. Its fur is a mix of reddish-brown and grey. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the sandy ground and some dry grasses. The text is overlaid on the image, providing information about the species.

Red foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*) are approximately 2 feet long with a 1 foot long tail, and can weigh anywhere from 6-15 pounds. Although mostly carnivorous, red foxes will eat a variety of small mammals, birds, eggs, insects and vegetation. They are known to stash their food, and mark their territory with their scent glands, which leave a distinctive skunk-like odor.

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