

Living with Coyotes

Coyotes are wild canines that reside in the Gila River Indian Community. They are well adapted for living in and around urbanized areas. On average, coyotes weigh about 15 to 30 pounds and can be seen active at any time of day. Coyotes are opportunistic hunters and will eat whatever is available to them in their environment.

Landowners should take action to reduce the likelihood of a negative interaction with a coyote. Coyotes may pose a threat to pets and unattended children. To make your yard less attractive to coyotes please:

- Do not feed wildlife
- Do not store garbage outside
- Feed pets inside
- Do not leave pets outside unattended
- Supervise small children



Incidents of coyotes biting humans are very uncommon. Additionally Arizona Game and Fish Department's records show an extremely low occurrence of rabid coyotes in the state.

Coyotes are naturally very secretive and are most often seen running away from people. If you encounter a coyote, make loud noise to let them know you're there. If you observe a coyote that is exhibiting aggressive or erratic behavior call the Department of Environmental Quality or Tribal Health Department.



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