

# URBAN WILDLIFE: COYOTES



## WHAT TO DO IF YOU ENCOUNTER A COYOTE

Coyotes are naturally timid animals. To keep ourselves, our pets, and coyotes safe, we need them to remain that way.

Hazing is the method we use to communicate to the coyote that they are not welcome in the area.

### HOW TO HAZE A COYOTE

- Do not run. Running may trigger their natural instinct to chase
- Stand and face the coyote
- Make yourself larger and intimidating by raising your arms above your head
- Do not scream. In a firm, loud voice, yell at the coyote. Tell it to go away
- Clap your hands
- Use a hose to spray the coyote

Don't let coyotes or other wildlife find a food reward in your yard. Make regular checks of your property – especially in winter – for possible coyote den sites.

You can report wildlife or attractant sightings to [www.northshorebears.com/reportit](http://www.northshorebears.com/reportit)



Attractant management is key when aiming to reduce wildlife encounters in residential areas.

- Keep garbage clean/ secure
- Keep pet food/water inside
- Remove bird seed/feeders
- Pick ripe fruit/fallen fruit
- Reduce compost odour by adding newspaper or leaves

Rodents make up at least 75% of a coyote's diet. By managing rodent attractants, you reduce important food sources for coyotes and their reason for being in the area.



Mate Jan-Feb



Den, produce pups April



Teach offspring May-Aug



Juveniles search for own territory Sep-Dec

## PETS

- Keep cats and small unaccompanied dogs inside, especially at night
- Off leash dogs are the cause of many negative wildlife encounters

More info can be found at: [www.coyotewatchcanada.ca](http://www.coyotewatchcanada.ca)