

TIPS ON HANDLING COYOTE ENCOUNTERS

ABOUT COYOTES



Native to western North America, coyotes can now be found across our continent. Those living in southern California are predominantly brownish-gray in color and weigh 20-40 pounds (the approximate size of a Collie). Coyotes are both hunters and scavengers, meaning they will kill available prey, readily eat food thrown out by humans, and will even eat fruit that has fallen from trees. Instinctively afraid of humans, coyotes are incredibly intelligent and learn to adapt to their surroundings by becoming more aggressive and dominant if not challenged or scared.

FOOD SOURCES



Bring pets and their food inside at night.



Always walk your dog on a leash.



Avoid using bird feeders as they attract rodents and other coyote prey.



Pick up fruit as soon as it falls to the ground.



Keep barbecue grills clean.



Eliminate access to water on your property, such as bird baths.

ENCOUNTERING A COYOTE



Be aggressive; yell or spray a hose at the coyote.



Make loud noises.



Make yourself appear large and back away slowly.

REPORT THE FOLLOWING



Coyote biting or attacking dogs, cats, or other pets.



Person feeding a coyote, either accidentally or intentionally. State and local laws prohibit this.



Open trash cans and dumpsters at local businesses.



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