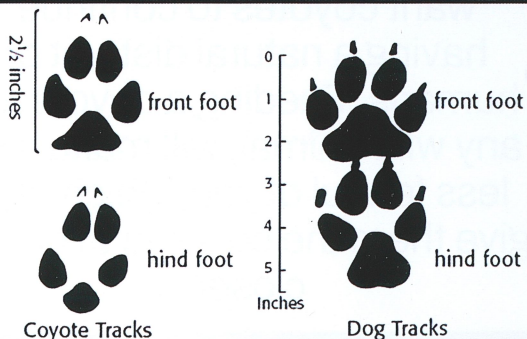


Don't be scared, be aware

Coyotes are incredibly smart, observant, cautious and elusive. Which is why you, perhaps, have not seen them and some may never see them.

Coyotes primarily eat small rodent animals such as rabbits, mice, rats and skunks which we have in abundance.

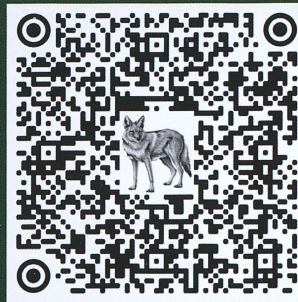
Sometimes they move into residential areas, but if you make it uninviting and use deterrents, they will not stay around.



COYOTE SIGHTING SURVEY

Help Island Wildlife Officials, ACOs and Agriculture know about your encounters with coyotes on Martha's Vineyard to help them better understand our Island population. Please report each sighting once and be as detailed as you are comfortable with.

Survey can be found on Town ACO pages or by scanning the QR Code below:



Coyotes on Martha's Vineyard



Information on what we can all do to coexist.



WHEN WALKING YOUR DOG OR HIKING

Use extra caution at dawn or dusk when coyotes are most active. Coyotes can be deterred by humane evacuation techniques such as loud sudden noises.

- Keep your dog on a leash at all times and keep it no longer than 6'.
- Carry a whistle or can of change to shake.
- Be aware of your surroundings.



AROUND YOUR PROPERTY

- Keep an eye on children and pets during outside time.
- Secure all garbage, compost and feed.
- Install motion lights or sprinklers. Changing location regularly.
- Pick up your dogs droppings.
- Keep area well lit while pets are in the yard.

PRECAUTIONS FOR LIVESTOCK

- If possible, keep livestock inside at night. Especially when there are young animals involved such as lambs, kids or calves.
- Guard animals such as LGDs (Large Guard Dogs), Llamas or Donkeys can be very effective if properly done.

Lastly

Avoid Feeding Coyotes - We want coyotes to continue having a natural distrust of humans. Feeding a coyote, or any wild animal, will make him less fearful of you, which can give them the courage to come closer.