

Believe it or not, coyotes are a part of the natural world in New York City. You might see one in your own neighborhood!

Did you know?

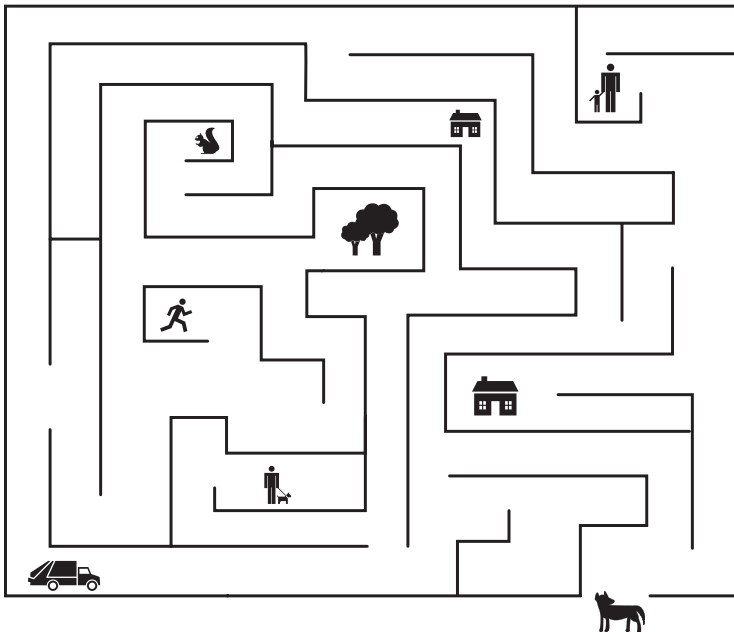
- Eastern coyotes howl and yip to mark their territory or reunite with their family group.
- In the wild, eastern coyotes usually live one to three years.
- They like to eat small mammals like mice, rats, squirrels, and rabbits but are not picky eaters. Coyotes will also eat plants and food accidentally left out by people, like pet food or garbage.
- If you see a coyote, don't panic. They are naturally curious and are just exploring the area. Keep it moving by making loud noises or waving your arms.
- Coyotes have been present in New York State since the 1930s.



TRAVEL MAZE

Coyotes are curious and often explore their surroundings at night. They are stealthy and quiet. Your chances of seeing a coyote are rare.

Help the coyote find the squirrel and then get to the trees in the park. Avoid people to get there safely.



POETRY

Coyotes are smart and learn quickly. If you see one close by, try to scare it. This helps them to learn to stay away from people. Yell loudly and wave your arms, then tell an adult as soon as possible.

Create a chant to yell at a coyote that comes too close. Fill in the lines using each letter at the beginning of each line to start.

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T _____

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COYOTE DIET

Coyotes spend a lot of time each day hunting and looking for food. Sometimes they are attracted to food sources left out by people.

**Locate the natural food items that are a part of a coyote's diet and color them (3 total).
Identify food items below that are not part of a coyote's natural diet and draw ways to keep coyotes from finding them. (3 total).**

