

FACTS ABOUT FOXES



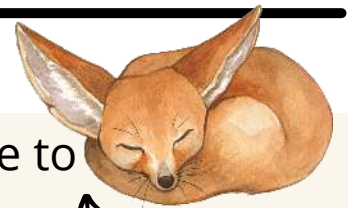
Foxes (or *Vulpes vulpes* - their scientific name) are wild animals, that are often friendly, and very smart. They make more than 40 different sounds and like to travel alone. This is what makes them so interesting! The most common species of foxes are Red foxes and Gray Foxes.

WHEN DO YOU TYPICALLY SEE FOXES?

Foxes prefer to come out early in the morning, late in the evening, or at night to hunt. These are called low-light times of the day. Like cats, they have oriented pupils to help them see in low light and at night.

INTERESTING FOX FACTS

- Foxes have excellent low-frequency hearing due to their box style ears.
- Foxes have whiskers on their legs to help them navigate.
- Gray foxes are very skilled climbers.
- Some people keep foxes as pets.
- Male foxes are called "dogs" and females are called "vixens".
- Arctic foxes are all white, live in the northern hemisphere, and can handle the cold better than most animals on Earth.



The smallest fox (fennec fox) weighs less than 3 pounds.

FOXES EAT A VARIETY OF FOODS

Foxes eat a variety of different plant and animal matter. It all depends on what is available to them and where they live. Some of their favorite things to eat include mice, fruits, vegetables, bird eggs, rabbits, and poultry.



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Use reliable sources to research and answer the following questions:

Why can foxes see so well at night?

List 3 different species of foxes:

What are some signs that a fox has been in your yard or around your home?

Why do foxes have "box" style ears?

What is the scientific name for a fox?