

# NOVEMBER ECO-BLITZ CHALLENGE

## COYOTES

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This month, we're focusing on the coyote, a canine family member.

- Coyotes have a narrow muzzle and more prominent ears than domestic dogs. They have a variable-colored coat with a bushy, black-tipped tail. They generally try to avoid people.
- Coyotes have been so successful because:
  - Historical bounties on wolves eliminated the coyote's natural predator.
  - Coyotes have adapted to life in both suburban and urban areas.
  - When Coyotes are exterminated in an area, other animals respond by increasing their reproduction.

*Resources:*

- **Arizona Sonora Desert Museum** - <https://www.desertmuseum.org/kids/oz/long-fact-sheets/coyote.php>
- **Washington Post** - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/animalia/wp/2018/05/22/heres-why-there-are-so-many-coyotes-and-why-they-are-spreading-so-fast/>
- **National Geographic** - <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/coyotes-expansion-north-america-wildlife-nation>
- **iNaturalist** - <https://www.inaturalist.org/>