

# City Wildlife: Coyotes

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Coyote sightings are common in Mississauga and surrounding areas.

Coyotes are commonplace in our communities and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry believes this is due to human habitation caused by people feeding coyotes either intentionally or unintentionally. In Mississauga, the feeding of wildlife is prohibited under City of [Mississauga Animal Care and Control By-law 0098-04](#).

## General Information:

- Coyotes are an important part of our ecosystem as they control rodent and rabbit populations.
- They are active day and night but prefer to hunt after dusk or before dawn.
- Coyotes are normally shy towards humans; however, they will watch or follow humans out of natural curiosity. Coyotes are hardwired to run from aggressive actions
- Coyotes will prey on outdoor, off leash or unattended pets.

For more information, contact Mississauga Animal Services at 905-896-5858 or [mypet.info@mississauga.ca](mailto:mypet.info@mississauga.ca).



### **If you encounter a Coyote:**

- Stay calm and wait until they move away
- Do not turn your back or run. (Like dogs, coyotes are hardwired to give chase if you run)
- If approached, stand tall, waive your arms and make yourself as large as you can. Clap, yell, shout loudly, make startling movements or throw an object towards the animal. (Coyotes are hardwired to avoid scary situations or aggressive behaviour.)
- Startle the animal by opening an umbrella, using a flashlight, activating an audible alarm.
- If you see an aggressive, sick or injured coyote, call 905-896-5858.

### **Additional Information:**

[Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry](#)

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