



# The Wonderful World of Coyotes

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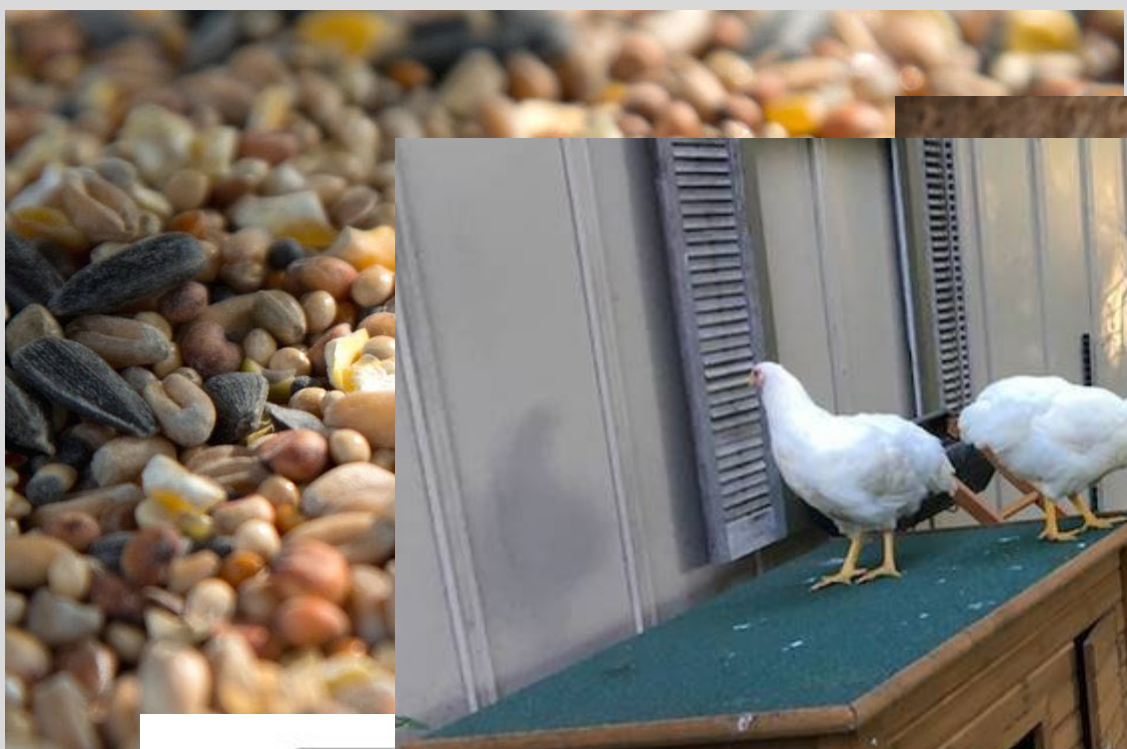


Why are they here?

**H A B I T A T**



FOOD WATER SHELTER SPACE



# Urban Coyote Diet

A 2006 study done in Chicago showed that urban coyotes have a diverse diet, only about 1% of their diet was domestic pets.

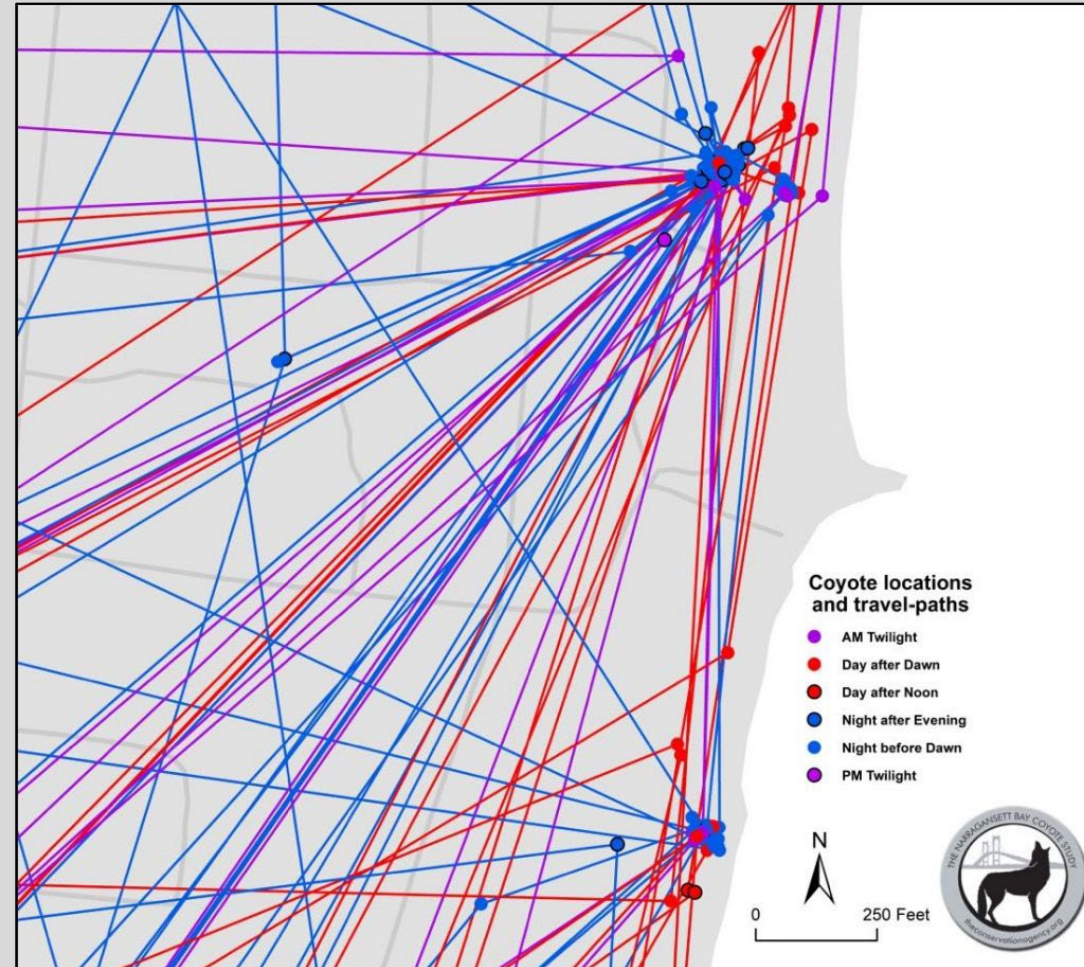
Small rodents...42%  
White-tailed deer...22%  
Fruit...23%  
Cottontail...18%  
Birds...13%  
Raccoon...8%  
Grass...6%  
Invertebrates...4%  
Human-associated...2%  
**Domestic cat...1%**  
Muskrat...1%  
Unknown...1%

~1400 scat samples from urban Chicago coyotes.





# Food Conditioning & Habituation



**Before:** Two residential coyote-feeding sites in Portsmouth, RI, revealed by location points and travel vectors of a GPS-collared coyote. Tracking period is from April 4 – May 17, 2019. (N. Mitchell, NBCS, The Conservation Agency)

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**After:** The same neighborhood after coyote feeding is stopped. Coyote travel drops out across entire neighborhood. Tracking period is from June 5 – 20, 2019, 3-5 weeks after warnings were issued. (N. Mitchell, NBCS, The Conservation Agency)

# Your Property

**First things first, remove all attractants... then...**

- Install devices to scare away the coyote
  - Motion sensor lights, sprinklers or noise makers.
- Fence yard w/ 6ft fence!
  - Add “coyote rollers.”
- NEVER allow a coyote to be comfortable in your yard!





# Your Pets

**ALWAYS** supervise your dog when it is outside.

**ALWAYS** walk your dog on a 6-foot leash.

**NEVER** allow your dog to interact with coyotes.



# More on Pets

- **ALWAYS** keep cats inside.
  - This protects them not only from coyotes but other dangers as well.
  - Invest in a “catio.”
- If you leave your dog outside unattended, put them in a fully enclosed dog run with a roof.



# Proper Hazing Works

- Many different ways to haze, but **YOU** are your best tool.
- Other tools you can use:
  - Sticks, rocks
  - Noise makers
    - Pots & Pans
    - Coyote shaker cans
  - Hoses
  - High power flashlights



# How to Haze

“Be aggressive, BE-E aggressive!” – Bring it On (2000)

- Make yourself appear bigger than you are.
- Yell, make a lot of noise, sound forceful!
- **GET MEAN** (and aggressive)!





# Coyotes Belong in Nevada

- Coyotes do belong in Nevada and we want them to be here!
- Removing attractants from the area helps to make your neighborhoods less appealing.
  - Should be an effort by everyone!
- Always haze coyotes away!
  - Proper hazing does work and should be used **WHENEVER** a coyote is spotted in an urban environment.



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