

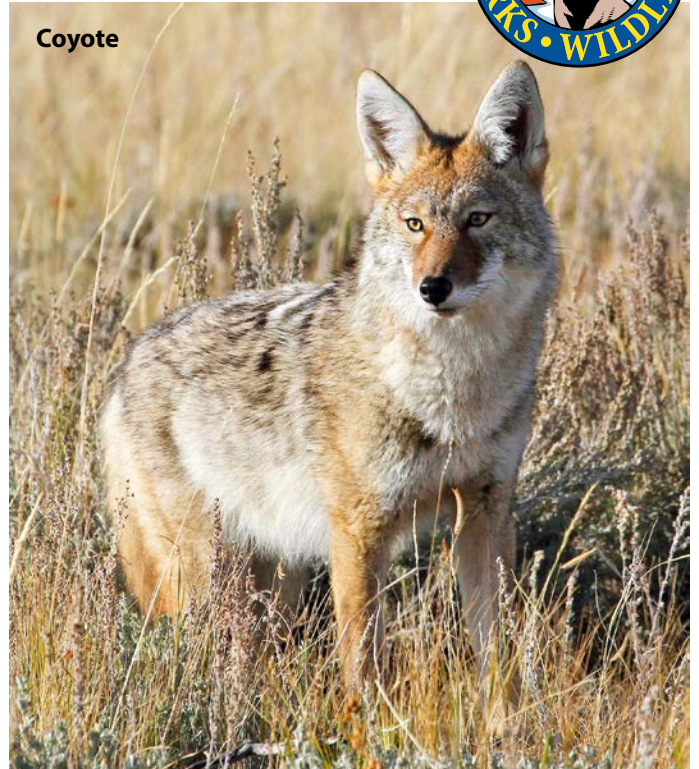
Coyote or Gray Wolf: How to Spot the Differences



Gray Wolf



Coyote



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Gray wolves are about twice the size of coyotes.

They can measure up to 6 feet in length, including tail, and stand approximately 30 inches in height at the shoulder. Female wolves weigh 70–80 pounds, while males weigh around 95–100 pounds.

Wolves have larger and

blockier snouts/muzzles and shorter and more rounded ears than coyotes, who have longer, narrower features. Wolves also have distinctively bushier and shorter tails.



Coyotes are shorter, sleeker, and lighter on their feet.

Their weight ranges from 15–45 pounds, meaning they are significantly smaller than gray wolves. Coyotes typically measure up to 4 feet in length including tail, and stand closer to 18 inches in height at the shoulder.

Tracks

Wolf tracks are about 5 inches long by 4 inches wide, with four symmetrical toes and identifiable claws.

Coyote tracks are similar, but are only about half that size. The track paths of wolves usually show a direct, purposeful route.

