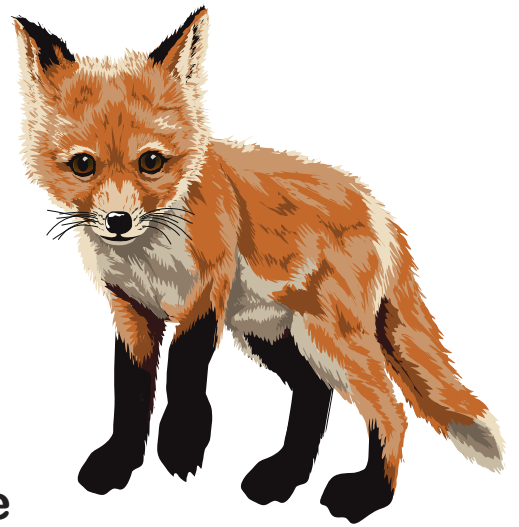


Red Fox



- Foxes are related to dogs
- Red foxes are most active at night
- Red foxes are omnivores that hunt alone
- They hunt by stalking, just like the big cats
- They mostly eat small animals such as voles, mice, lemmings, hares and rabbits
- They also like to eat plants, fruits and berries
- Their white-tipped tails helps them to balance and keep warm
- The red fox has a great sense of hearing, so they can hear small animals living underground
- They can be found all over the world–North America, Europe, Asia, and North Africa
- Red foxes live in every province and territory in Canada
- Fox babies are called pups
- A mother will have 1 – 10 pups, which is called a ‘litter’
- Fox pups are sent out to live on their own at 7 months old
- Red foxes live for 3 – 6 years in the wild

Red Fox

Solitary Omnivore



- Foxes belong to the dog family, but unlike their canine cousins, they are solitary hunters
- They hunt prey by stalking, just like the big cats, and are preyed upon primarily by coyotes and bobcats
- They mainly prey on small animals such as voles, mice, lemmings, hares and rabbits but they also like to eat plants, fruits and berries
- Red foxes are nocturnal, but it's not unusual to see them during the day
- Their white-tipped tails help them to balance and keep warm, and they use them to communicate with other foxes
- They have whiskers on their faces and legs, which help them to navigate
- They climb trees and tend to sit on lower branches
- They have exceptional hearing and can detect low-frequency sounds, which allows them to locate small animals living underground
- They live all over the world—North America, Europe, Asia, and North Africa
- They are the largest member of the fox family, and can be found in all of Canada's provinces and territories
- Red foxes use scent as a way to communicate with one another
- They have the reputation of being clever because of their ability to find food even in the dead of winter
- A mother will have a litter of 1 – 10 pups between March and May every year
- After 7 months, the pups are released from the den to live on their own
- The red fox's lifespan in the wild is 3 – 6 years