

# BE COYOTE CONSCIOUS!



From forests and fields to greenspaces in our cities and towns, coyotes are a part of New York's landscape. People and coyotes can share these spaces if we keep coyotes wild by taking these actions:



**NEVER** feed coyotes. When coyotes associate people with food, it's bad for people and bad for coyotes.



Feed pets indoors. Secure garbage cans and cover compost piles. Remove bird feeders after April 1 and anytime coyotes have been observed in the area.



Do not leave pets outside, unsupervised. Walk dogs on a leash.



Appreciate coyotes from a distance. If you encounter a coyote, be loud and make yourself seem bigger to scare the coyote away.



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Have you heard or seen coyotes around recently? Coyote breeding season generally runs from January to March, and during this time of year, coyotes are especially active as they mate and begin to set up dens for pups that will arrive this spring. They also tend to be more territorial, which can increase the risk of conflicts with people and pets.

To minimize this risk, DEC recommends that everyone follow the tips outlined below:

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- Do not leave pets outside unsupervised.
- Walk dogs on a leash.
- Appreciate coyotes from a distance. If you encounter a coyote, be loud and make yourself seem bigger to scare the coyote away.
- Secure livestock in predator-resistant pens, especially at night.

If a coyote is exhibiting bold behaviors and shows little or no fear of people, contact your [Regional Wildlife Office](#) 607-652-7367 or, in emergency situations, the local police department. Visit the DEC website for more [information on coyotes](#) and [preventing conflicts with coyotes](#) <https://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/nuisance-wildlife-species/coyote-conflicts>