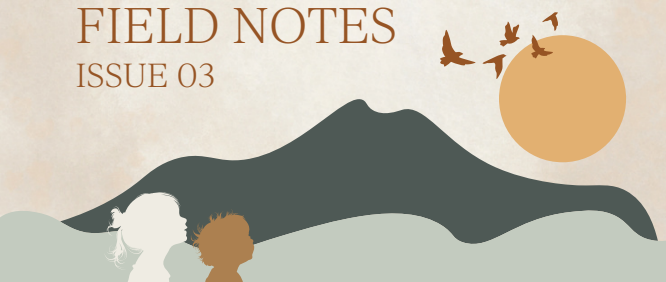


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FIELD NOTES

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Coyote | CANINE (DOG)

HABITAT:

Very adaptable to many habitats. Fields, desert, woodlands, and even neighborhoods.

DIET:

Adaptable to what is available. Mostly small mammals. Will eat pets. Birds. Larger mammals such as deer.

FUN FACTS:

Mate for life, only choosing a new mate if their's dies.

Often live 10-14 years in the wild.

Very adaptable and can thrive in many situations.



HAVE YOU EVER RUN INTO A WILD ANIMAL WHILE HIKING?

I was recently hiking by myself. It had snowed the day before, and the only tracks in the woods were mine and those of animals. No other people were around. I stopped to look at a pine tree, and when I looked back at the trail, a coyote was running full speed right toward me! I had been standing so still that he did not notice me. When he did, he turned to the right and ran right past me only a few feet away. I saw a second coyote running with him not close behind and watched as the second coyote followed the first into the woods. They were so close that I could hear their paws rapidly running through the snow and see their thick winter coats.

When Jesus lived on earth, he often went away to quiet places. The Greek word for quiet place is *erēmos* (air-A-moss) and is often used in the Bible to mean a quiet place or the wilderness. As a child, you should always be safe and go hiking with others. However, you can also enjoy the quietness of God's creation. When you encounter wildlife, remember you are never alone. God's creation is all around, and God is always with you—his favorite creation.

Mark 6:31 says: "Then Jesus said, 'Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.'"

The next time you're in a quiet place in nature, talk with God. Through prayer, thank him for everything wonderful he has made. Let the quiet of his creation bring you peace and joy.

Have you ever seen animals tracks in snow or dirt? What creature do you think made the tracks?

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