



# GREY FOX

## *Urocyon cinereoargenteus*



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**Size:** 30-45 inches long, up to 11 lbs., can live about 10 years

**Description:** Pointed ears and muzzle, peppery grey coat with orange-red undertone outlines, black stripe running down topside of tail, white markings on muzzle, neck, and chest, long hooked claws

**Habitat:** Range from northern United States south to Venezuela; prefer bushy habitats with lots of groundcover; found near areas with surface water

**Diet:** Small mammals— cottontail rabbits, voles, moles, field mice, shrews; birds, insects, and plants like corn, berries, apples, and nuts

**Behavior:** Typically nocturnal; will rest in trees when not hunting; only uses dens during mating season and with pups

**Reproduction:** Males and females mature after one year; mating season between January and April; birth around 50 days after mating to one to seven pups; weaned starting at 3 months; males and females are typically monogamous; males help with feeding female and pups; one litter per year

**Predators:** Humans, bobcats, coyotes, great horned owls, and large hawks

**Threats to species:** Habitat fragmentation, canine diseases and viruses, trapping

**Status:** IUCN status as Least Concern, managed in some states for the fur trade

### Did you know?

- The grey fox is the only type of canid (dog species) to climb trees.
- Grey fox young can be called pups or kits and a group of foxes are known as a leash or a skulk of foxes.