

THE ECOLOGICAL BENEFITS OF COYOTES



Coyotes reduce populations (through competitive exclusion) of smaller carnivores that prey on birds (e.g., skunks, racoons, foxes, etc), thus regulating their populations and increasing bird diversity and abundance.



Coyotes keep populations of rodents, rabbits and hares in check. This service decreases the need for rat poison, which can impact many non-target animals, and the spread of rodent-born diseases. It also helps farmers by reducing crop and grain loss.



By hunting animals that harbor disease and parasites (rodents and deer), coyotes decrease the opportunity for ticks to reproduce. Thus, fewer animals and humans will contract diseases such as Lyme.



Coyotes clean up the environment. As scavengers, coyotes provide a service by helping to keep our communities clean of animal remains and other waste.

Coyotes are an important part of the ecosystem, and coexistence with them is possible. Learn more at www.ProjectCoyote.org



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