



# FOXES



## KEY INFORMATION

Foxes are found across the Northern Hemisphere, including North America, Europe, Asia, and parts of North Africa. They adapt well to many habitats such as forests, grasslands, mountains, and even urban areas.

Foxes are agile and can run up to 50 km per hour, helping them escape predators and hunt well. In the wild, foxes typically live 3 to 6 years, but in captivity, they can live up to 14 years. They usually weigh between 4.5 and 9 kg and measure about 90 cm in length, excluding the tail.

## APPEARANCE

Foxes have slim bodies covered in thick fur, which varies in colour from red or brown, to grey or white in Arctic regions. Their bushy tail, called a brush, helps with balance and warmth during cold weather.

They have pointed ears, sharp eyes, and thin legs, making them excellent hunters. Their fur changes slightly with seasons to provide camouflage and keep them warm.

## DIET

Foxes are omnivores, meaning they eat both plants and animals. Their diet includes small mammals, birds, insects, fruits, and berries. They are often scavenge for food in urban areas.

Although foxes are skilled hunters, they are preyed upon by larger predators such as wolves, coyotes and eagles.

## FUN FACTS

Foxes use a variety of noises to communicate, including barks, screams, and howls. They are mostly solitary animals but may form small family groups during breeding season.

A female fox, called a vixen, is pregnant for about 52 days and gives birth to 4–6 kits. Kits are born blind and rely on their parents for food and protection until they mature.

Foxes have excellent hearing and can detect small animals digging underground. Their adaptability makes them one of the most widespread wild mammals in the world.

## FIND OUT MORE...

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/facts/red-fox>



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**EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:**

1. Where do foxes live?
2. How fast can a fox run?
3. What is the average lifespan of a fox in the wild?
4. What does a fox's tail help it do?
5. What colour can a fox's fur be?