

Interviewer: Please tell me a story about an experience you've had with coyotes in Vermont.

Interviewee: [We were driving somewhere in between Charlotte and Shelburne, and all of a sudden this *giant* coyote came walking across the road. It was dusk, and my husband said, "I am so excited to be seeing this."]

Interviewer: Oh wow. Oh my gosh!

Interviewee: It was by itself. And after that, you know, [my husband] was just always on the lookout.

Interviewer: That's so awesome. Can you explain why that story was meaningful to you?

Interviewee: Well, like I said, partly because I think my husband wished he had become, you know, a biologist, and his job was going out every day and counting animals. And he is [very knowledgeable about the woods.] And, he's not a Vermonter, but he might as well be. He came up here in '67 and never wanted to leave. So, I think every animal and every sighting... This morning we saw---he saw--- well, I was here, but he saw a bear up at our camp in New York, so he is just always interested in tracking, looking at the ground, looking at droppings, he is very very much in tune to animals and nature.

Interviewer: That is so amazing! Oh my gosh.

Interviewee: You know, he really should be talking to you, but since he's working on the stairway, I said to him, "Well you know what, give me the information and I can tell Catherine."

Interviewer: No, you were absolutely perfect for this. It's---It's all about just like experiences and... yeah no just kind of like your personal experience with coyotes---like, just kind of, um, yeah. Just your personal experience, really. Um, so now let's talk about coyotes more generally. Can you rank your experience of coyotes in Vermont on a scale of 1 to 10, with one being negative and 10 being positive?
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Interviewee: Oh I would definitely say positive. Just the fact that if you see them and, even if they were killed in the road, like we have seen them, you know, dead in the road, um, you're just, at least I am and so is [my husband], very like, okay, thank god they're still here. You know, they're around. And, you know, that's a very positive experience. And, and, you know, most people I would think would, I'd like to think that. They shouldn't live in Vermont if they have a negative experience.

Interviewer: Yes! That's so true, we're so full of coyotes. Oh my gosh. That's amazing. Um, and I think you already kind of explained it, but can you explain why you ranked your experience that way?

Interviewee: Oh I think just because of the way we feel about [inaudible]. It's very soothing and calming to be sharing that with other animals, coyotes, bears. Like my husband called me earlier this morning to tell me there was a bear in the yard and I was like, "Well that doesn't make me feel

that great. But, you know, I'll be excited. I was supposed to mow the lawn this weekend.

Interviewer: Oh no! Oh my gosh.

Interviewee: You know, I think it is a very very wonderful feeling for a person who loves the woods to see other animals and they're existing with us.

Interviewer: Oh my god, that is so true. Yes, absolutely. So yeah, we're almost done, I just have a few quick background questions for you. Think back to the coyote story that you shared originally. Can you tell me where it took place?

Interviewee: Yes it took place, you know, Charlotte-Shelburne area.

Interviewer: Okay. And um, can you tell me what year your coyote story took place in?" Interviewee: I'm um, I'm guessing because we didn't have kids and we were probably just out of college, um, I wanna say it was probably 1970-71.

Interviewer: Got it. Okay. And, what kinds of things do you like to do outside. For work or for recreation.

Interviewee: Oh, I love to ride my bike, I love to walk, we love to fish, canoe. I like, you know, moving rocks. I would much prefer to be outside than inside.

Interviewer: I totally agree with that.

Interviewee: Yeah no, definitely outside. I don't play tennis or anything but I used to do that. But I'm just happy to be outside doing anything that just brings you closer to [inaudible].

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Interviewer: Yes, these Vermont summers are also so amazing. It's really great. So how long have you lived here.

Interviewee: Well I was born here, so I'm almost 71. In a couple of weeks I'll be 71, so I was born here. And, my husband, he's been here since '67? He's from Connecticut but he got a little taste of Vermont and never went back to Connecticut.

Interviewer: Yes! It's so beautiful here. Oh my gosh. What town do you live in?

Interviewee: Burlington! I live right next door to [neighbor].

(Unrelated conversation here... took it out in order to not distract from the main focus.)

Interviewer: What year were you born in?

Interviewee: I was born in 1949.

Interviewer: Got it. And then, what is your gender?

Interviewee: My gender is I am a female.

Interviewer: Got it, and then what's your ethnicity?

Interviewee: I'm a white caucasian woman.

Interviewer: Alright, thank you so much! That's the whole interview.