

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

Interviewee 2: There's been any number of experience but one experience is [this]: They appear to live across the road from my house and when my children were younger, we walked over there and there is a cave, almost like a a den type situation, and it was clear that wild animals lived in that and we assumed that they were the coyotes because we always would hear them howling across the road. So at night, mostly at night and I would say probably more Fall through Winter as opposed to Summer and Spring, we would hear them and they would howl and sometimes they were so close and obviously in a pack. One would howl and then the rest would start singing There were times when the howling was so loud and we always thought they were right outside the door here. So that is one experience. When we hear them howl, we wouldn't see them because it would be at night. Another time, I saw one coyote, so I'm wondering if it was a time when one of them were out hunting or something like that because they weren't with the pack, walk across the front of our yard here and it was actually quite large.

Interviewer: Can you explain why those stories were meaningful to you?

Interviewee 2: To bring up a Jack London book *Call of the Wild*, whenever you hear the sounds of coyotes, it is really the call of the wild. It's meaningful knowing that there are wild, amazing creatures outside of my door and all around this area that are free and are present everyday. Well, I wouldn't say everyday because I don't hear them everyday but I'm sure they are in the area everyday and it's just that I don't see them but knowing that they're there is part of the greater picture.

Interviewer: 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?

Interviewee 2: Sure, I would say 10. They've only been positive. We've only ever heard them, and at times, seen them and I'm guessing that they help keep down some of the rodent population and things that bother my garden, so I'm really glad if they like to eat things that are like mice or moles or anything that's out there bothering my garden but I don't know that for a fact but I know that they're predators to a degree and maybe they do eat those little pesky things that I don't like.

Interviewer: So the question is "Can you explain why you ranked your experience that way?" but I think you explained that. So we're almost done. I just

have a few quick background questions for you now. Think back to the coyote story that you shared. Can you tell me where it took place?

Interviewee 2: It took place on my property in New Haven, Vermont

Interviewer: And, can you tell me what year your coyote story took place in?

Interviewee 2: The coyote story where I saw it or where we went over to the cave or when we heard them howling?

Interviewer: Do you remember one specifically, for the year?

Interviewee 2: We routinely hear them howling every year during the Winter. The specific incident where we walked over to the cave where we didn't actually see them, I would have to say that was probably 20 years ago (around 2000). But when I saw the coyote out here I'd say it was maybe 15 years ago.

Interviewer: What kinds of things do you do outside, for work or for recreation?

Interviewee 2: I garden, I hike, I kayak, I bike, I also work outside. Certainly maintenance around the house. Stain the house, fix the deck, there's always something to do out there.

Interviewer: How long have you lived in Vermont?

Interviewee 2: I have lived in Vermont since 1971.

Interviewer: What town do you live in?

Interviewee 2: New Haven, Vermont.

Interviewer: What year were you born in?

Interviewee 2: I was born in 1953.

Interviewer: What is your gender?

Interviewee 2: Female.

Interviewer: What is your ethnicity?

Interviewee 2: I am American (White)

Interviewer: You're done! Thanks so much for your story and your time.