

Coyote Stories Record #14 transcript

“Please tell me a story about an experience you’ve had with coyotes in Vermont.”

I feed the birds, and I put out suet in the feeders, and once in a while the coyotes will mess with it and eat the suet. It’s either coyotes or raccoons, I’m not sure which.

“Can you explain why that story was meaningful to you?”

I love wildlife.

“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?”

10.

“Can you explain why you ranked your experience in that way?”

Actually I used to like across the street at Gardenside and there was a forest there. And I’ve always had dogs and I’ve always walked back in the forest. And there was a time when I was walking with my dog and - I had labs - and a coyote appeared and walked along with us. It was non-aggressive. And I was not afraid, my dog wasn’t afraid, it was fine. I don’t think they are the menace that people think they are.

“We’re almost done! I just have a few quick background questions for you know.”

- **“Think back to the coyote story that you shared. Can you tell me where it took place?”**

In a forest in Shelburne

- **“And, can you tell me what year your coyote story took place in?”**

Probably in 2003.

- **“What kinds of things do you do outside, for work or for recreation?”**

I am a retired nurse, and for recreation, I love hiking, walking, I used to play tennis but I have bad knees so I can’t do that anymore. I just love being outside and I do a lot of birding.

- **“How long have you lived in Vermont?”**

Since 1970.

- **“What town do you live in?”**

Shelburne.

- **“What year were you born in?”**

1944.

- **“What is your gender?”**

Female.

- **“What is your ethnicity?”**

Caucasian

“You’re done! Thanks so much for your story and your time!”

You’re welcome.