

Coyote Stories Record #13 transcript

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

I can’t say I have a particular story, but I have seen coyotes... unfortunately dead on the side of the highway. I do recall... at a party at a friend’s house, they were talking about how they would see coyotes play at the end of their field next to a line of trees in the evening.

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

It seems coyotes are elusive in Vermont, and as I said before, the only experience I have is seeing them in the morning, dead by being struck by a vehicle, so I really haven’t seen them run wild through the woods. I’ve done a lot of trail running and mountain biking and so forth, and I have not run across coyotes in the past.

“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?”

I guess I would have to say a six, and the reason I say that is coyotes do help keep down the rodent population and I can’t say in my experience or my knowledge that they’re a real nuisance for farmers and ranchers in Vermont.

“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?”**

Charlotte, Vermont.

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

About 10 or 12 years ago.

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

Trail run, road cycle, and occasional mountain bike ride. And hike as well in the fall.

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

16 years.

- **“What town do you live in?”**

Shelburne, Vermont.

- **“What year were you born in?”**

1969.

- **“What is your gender?”**

Male.

- **“What is your ethnicity?”**

Anglo or white.

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

You’re welcome.