

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

I once saw a coyote in Vermont. Only one time. It was in the late afternoon, in a very, in a neighborhood. Um, so I thought it was surprising to see the coyote, but clearly he was passing through one kind of woodsy area going up to another woodsy area right past some houses. And, the thing I noticed the most about it was... at first, my first thought was "What's with that really scrawny dog", and then I realized it was not a dog, that it was a coyote. And he did look very skinny, so I was a little worried about him.

Can you explain why that story was meaningful to you?

Well it's my only coyote experience, other than maybe sometimes hearing the sound of coyotes in the distance. I think people in Vermont generally are interested in wildlife, so it's meaningful just to understand what kind of wildlife you might have living near you. And, it was meaningful because I wondered if they're supposed to be that skinny, or if it was a sign that, um, he was not able to find enough food.

Thank you.

Now let's talk about coyotes more generally. Can you rank your experience of coyotes in Vermont on a scale of 1-10, with 1 being negative, and 10 being positive?

Um, I would say 8.

Can you explain why you ranked your experience that way?

Uh, I was perfectly happy to see the coyote, I did not, uh, I wasn't worried, he did not seem interested in coming near me or anything, so I was not worried about him, um, interacting with me, but I was just worried about him because he was so skinny.

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?

Williston

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

I think it was about 5 years ago so I'm going to say 2015.

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

For recreation I walk, ski, play some golf.

How long have you lived in Vermont?

Uh, 25 years.

What town do you live in?

Williston

What year were you born in?

1968

What is your gender?

Female

What is your ethnicity?

Caucasian

You're done! Thank you so much for telling your story and your time.