

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

Interviewee- Guess the one that sticks out to me 15 years ago after thunderstorm in the middle of the day in summer time, pretty violent thunderstorm, one came out into the light with a muskrat or a weasel or something in his mouth from our neighbors pond, and I just thought it was funny, it was out in the middle of the day, it was a big one, one of those big ones that look like wolves, really healthy and then I saw one not too long after that, but before that in Winter maybe the same season, walking on the hill into the woods from the side window, it was huge almost like a wolf.

Interviewer- Can you explain why that story was meaningful to you?

Interviewee- Well because the first one was in the middle of the day, and I wanna say later on in the year, it might of been the same one, it was just so majestic to see a coyote so wolf-like, you know I've seen other ones from a distance, and these were solitary.

Interviewer- Now let's talk about coyotes more generally. Can you rank your experience with coyotes in Vermont on a scale of 1-5, with one being very negative, 3 neither positive nor negative, and five being positive?

Interviewee- A three, because I understand a little bit about the ecosystem, and how they were introduced and not native and so forth, I think they play a roll.

Interviewer- Can you explain why you ranked your experience this way?

Interviewer- I have to ask you again, can you explain why you ranked your experience this way?

Interviewee- What experience?

Interviewer- Your story

Interviewee- I already said that.

Interviewer- I know, I have to ask you again.

Interviewee- Well, because I saw them, they were alone and they were majestic, the sun was setting in the winter and there was snow on the ground and the other one was the middle of the daytime, after a violent thunderstorm in the summer, 1pm or 2pm, and it had a weasel in its mouth.

Interviewer- We're almost done I just have a few quick background questions for you now. Think back to the coyote story you shared, can you tell me where it took place?

Interviewee- East Braintree, VT.

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

Interviewee- 2004, 2005 maybe.

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

Interviewee- I spend a lot of time outside doing all sorts of stuff, tending to the blueberries in the summer, cutting grass, cutting branches, trees for wood, clearing, in the winter a lot of snowshoeing or cross country skiing, or hiking all seasons. So I spend a lot of time outside for different reasons.

Interviewer- How long have you lived in Vermont?

Interviewee- 20 years.

Interviewer- What town do you live in?

Interviewee- East Braintree

Interviewer- What year were you born in?

Interviewee- 1975

Interviewer- What is your gender?

Interviewee- male

Interviewer- What is your race or ethnicity?

Interviewee- Caucasian.

Interviewer- Thank you so much for your story and your time.