

Just for Kids

Sly as a Fox

Connecticut is home to two kinds of foxes, red and gray. Red foxes live where there is a mix of forests and fields and can also be found near cities and towns. Gray foxes prefer forests, thickets and swampy areas.

Which Fox?

(Circle the correct answer)

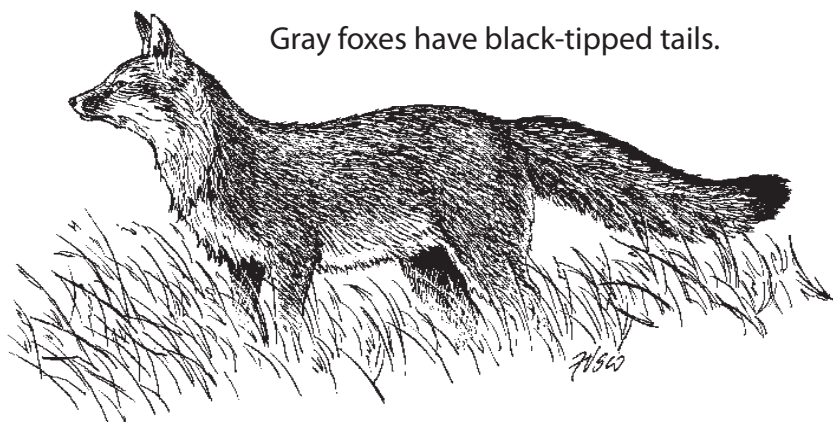
Can climb trees	gray	red
Has a more valuable fur	gray	red
Uses an underground den	gray	red
Is seen less often	gray	red

Family Dens

Foxes have four or five pups each year. They usually have more than one den and will move their young if disturbed. Both adults care for the young by bringing food and guarding the den site.

Mice for Dinner?

Foxes are carnivores or meat-eaters, but will eat other food, such as fruit and garbage. All carnivores have long, pointed canine teeth for tearing their prey. Carnivores also have special teeth that are sharp and act like scissors to cut their food. Red foxes hunt mice by pouncing on them.



Gray foxes have black-tipped tails.

Have You Seen a Fox?

Foxes are normally quite secretive and not easy to see. Sometimes foxes living near towns become used to people and may be seen more often.



Red fox tails are often tipped with white fur.

Dog Gone-It!

Foxes are related to dogs. Two of their larger cousins are the coyote and wolf. Coyotes are common, but wolves are no longer found in Connecticut.

Answers to Which Fox?:

1. gray; 2. red; 3. red; 4. gray & gray