

Coyotes, aside from Lions, are about the largest predator of the deer population. Most calf and sheep losses are due to coyotes, which makes them a large threat to ranchers. Packs of coyotes will sometimes chase cows, pulling off their tails. Although it is not overly common, coyotes will prey on chickens, cats, and dogs. In areas where coyotes are thick, some babies have been carried off, although it is very rare. Coyotes can weigh up to 35 pounds. Coyotes breed once a year, with 6-8 puppies being born in April-May. Many times, only 2-3 will survive due to disease and predation from eagles and larger predators.

