

THE FOX

Latin name : Vulpes vulpes

Life expectancy : It lives 2-3 years, but life expectancy is up to 10 years, and more.



Description : Often red or gray, the belly and throat are lighter. It has a long bushy tail. Size: 60 to 75 cm for the body, and from 35 to 50 cm for the tail, about 6Kg. Its front legs have only four fingers, as in all canids (dogs, jackals, wolves ...) The fox is an animal rather lonely. But he saw a couple times and sometimes in small bands. The fox yelped. His hearing is particularly developed.

The fox is a nocturnal animal. It hunts at the beginning of the night and after a pause, he resumed his course before daybreak. It can travel 15 km in one night. In winter, when food is scarce, the fox also released that day.

Food : Omnivore. It feeds mainly on voles, rabbits, fish and fruit in summer but also eggs, insects and carrion. Fox practice "mulotage" to hunt rodents. (Consists of jumping in with both feet and legs to fall forward on the prey)

Place of life : The red fox lives on all continents of the Northern Hemisphere. Its territory, a fox must find enough prey to survive. Thus, more prey is scarce, more territory is large. Fox filed his own urine and feces throughout its territory, on rocks or tufts of grass visible. It's his way of marking the limits of its territory.

Reproduction : In March, shortly before birth, the fox terrier looking for an abandoned badger or a hollow in it. The vixen gives birth to a increased from 3 to 7 small. The cubs are born blind and deaf. Their bodies are covered with ash-gray coat. The vixen students most often her little alone, but sometimes the male using for a few weeks.