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Coyote Sightings in Residential Area

The El Segundo Police Department would like to provide valuable educational information to our residents regarding the increase in coyote sightings in the residential area. Although these animals may be new to the South Bay area, coyotes have been in and around many other Southern California communities for years. Coyotes typically feed on rodents, rabbits, and birds; however, they are very adaptable animals and have taken well to feeding on fallen fruit, vegetable gardens, dog food, items inside unsecured trash cans, and neighborhood cats. Like all animals, coyotes need to hydrate and therefore they take advantage of water supplies from fountains or water bowls that have been placed out for pets. Therefore, the best way to get coyotes to stay out of our residential areas is to make sure the area is not an enticing habitat for the coyotes.

Coyotes are considered wild animals, and as such our Animal Control personnel will typically not respond to coyote sightings. The exceptions are if a coyote appears sick or injured, or is threatening a person. If you do come across a coyote that doesn't appear to be afraid of you, wave your hands and arms, make loud noises at them, spray them with a garden hose, or throw an item at them. These efforts may take 2-3 attempts but in the vast majority of cases this will scare them off.

The El Segundo Police Department asks that any sightings of coyotes in our city be reported to our Animal Control Department at (310) 524-2231 or e-mail the time and location to coyotesightings@elsegundo.org.

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