

# Foxes

## What Do Foxes Look Like?

Foxes are mammals with orange-brown fur and white patches. They have a bushy tail and a long nose which helps them to search for food at night. Foxes are members of the dog family.

## Where Do Foxes Live?

Foxes live in dens. They like to make their home in the countryside although some can also be found in towns and cities. Inside the den you might find a female fox, called a vixen and a male fox, called a dog. The babies will live inside the den until they are old enough to hunt at night with the other foxes.

## What Do Foxes Eat?

Foxes mostly like to eat meat but they do also eat fruits and vegetables. Foxes will often hide their food and come back to eat it later. Foxes are nocturnal, which means that they hunt for food at night and sleep during the day.



**Did You Know?**  
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Foxes are mammals with a furry coat and pointed ears. They are easily recognised by their orange-brown fur and their bushy tail, which is sometimes called a 'brush'. Foxes also have a long nose which helps them to search for food. Foxes are members of the dog family, although they aren't much bigger than a cat.

## Where Do Foxes Live?

Foxes live underground in dens. They can mostly be found in the countryside, although they can also be found in towns and cities. Female foxes will find a den made by another animal or will dig their own if they cannot find one. Foxes that live in towns or cities will make a den out of almost anything, including cardboard boxes. Inside the den you might find a female fox, which is called a vixen and a male fox, which is called a dog. Their babies are called cubs.



## What Do Foxes Eat?

Foxes eat lots of different things including worms, small birds, fruit and vegetables. However, they are carnivores so they prefer meat. Some foxes look for food inside bins and will eat most things that they find. Foxes are nocturnal animals which means that they hunt for food at night.

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Foxes are small mammals with a full coat of fur, pointed ears and a bushy tail, sometimes known as a brush. Foxes walk on four legs and have small heads with a long nose and sharp teeth. The most recognised foxes have orange-brown coloured fur with a few white patches under their chins and on their stomachs. Foxes have excellent hearing and a keen sense of smell.

## Where Do Foxes Live?

Foxes normally sleep underground in dens. Foxes can dig their own dens but often find a den made by another animal to use instead. Foxes that live in towns or cities will make a den out of anything, including cardboard boxes. Baby foxes are called cubs. When they are born, they are unable to see, walk or hear, so the mother (the vixen) takes good care of them in the den whilst the father (the dog) goes to hunt for food for the family.

## What Do Foxes Eat?

Foxes eat just about anything, including berries, worms, spiders and small animals such as mice and birds. If they live in the city, they eat rubbish that people leave out. If they have extra food, they hide it in a small hole and eat it later when they are hungry. Foxes are nocturnal animals which means that they hunt at night and sleep during the day. They are scavengers, which means they eat whatever they can find.

