

# HELP PROTECT ENDANGERED MEXICAN GRAY WOLVES



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Mexican gray wolves are protected under the Endangered Species Act. Killing a Mexican wolf is a violation of the Federal Endangered Species Act and can result in criminal penalties of up to \$50,000, and/or up to one year in jail, plus a potential civil penalty of up to \$25,000.

Public interest organizations, private individuals, state, and federal agencies have contributed to the current reward offered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for a total of up to \$37,000 FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF ANYONE ILLEGALLY KILLING A MEXICAN GRAY WOLF

Individuals with information they believe may be helpful in reporting harassment or harm to Mexican gray wolves are urged to call one of the following agencies: USFWS special agents in Mesa, Arizona, at (480) 967-7900, in Alpine, Arizona, at (928) 339-4232, or in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at (505) 346-7828 AZGFD Operation Game Thief at (800) 352-0700

## What should I do if I see a Mexican gray wolf?

Consider yourself very lucky! Mexican wolves are one of the rarest animals on the planet and need our help to recover in the wild. Take a photo if possible!

No instance of a Mexican wolf attack on a human has ever been documented in the wild.

The following tips can be used to keep you and the wolf safe during an encounter:

- Remain calm
- Stand tall, raise and wave your arms, look big
- Make a loud noise, throw rocks and sticks, but not directly at the animal or with an intention to do harm (remember they are rare and protected)
- Slowly back away, stay calm, and avoid eye contact
- Do not turn your back
- Do not run away
- Keep children close to adults
- Keep pets on a leash
- Do not break up a fight with a wolf and another animal
- Do not corner a wolf, but give it a clear path to exit

## Wolf or Coyote? Know the Differences

### Mexican gray wolf

- Nose is broad and blocky
- Ears are more rounded and relatively short
- Fur color is very similar to coyotes: grizzled gray, black, rust or buff; not all white or all black
- Legs are longer, giving wolves a more lanky appearance; feet are larger
- Weighs 50–80 pounds
- Sometimes displays curious behavior and may not flee as quickly
- Not all wolves have radio collars
- Front paw is 4 1/2 inches long by 3 1/2 inches wide



### Coyote

- Nose is slender and pointed
- Ears are prominent, pointed and relatively long
- Fur color is very similar to wolves: grizzled gray, rust or buff; rarely white or black
- Legs and feet are smaller, more delicate
- Weighs 20–35 pounds
- Usually displays skittish behavior, tends to flee immediately
- Front paw is 2 1/2 inches long by 2 inches wide

