

Kit Foxes



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Fun Facts

- Kit foxes are the smallest foxes in North America, weighing only about five pounds.
- San Joaquin kit foxes can survive without freshwater, getting all of their fluids from what they eat.
- Their large ears may help dissipate body heat and detect tiny noises.

The Kit Fox is the smallest species of fox in North America. Despite their slender size, they have large ears to help aid their hearing and dissipate heat. These nocturnal animals find shelter in dens to avoid the heat of the day and instead hunt at night. Kit Foxes mate for life and have intricate family situations where kits from previous years often stay with the family and help with the new pups.

For most people having foxes in the yard is a good thing. Not only are they entertaining and harmless, they help to control rodents in your yard. Foxes do not attack cats or dogs and will not harm your children. There are gentle methods to encourage them to move out of your yard if you can't have them.

