

Wildlife

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BULLETIN

The following species have been sighted in Costa Mesa

COYOTES

Coyotes are pack animals so even if only one is sighted, there are usually others nearby. If you are walking your dog, **KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEASH** and do not let it approach a coyote as they will display defensive behaviors if threatened or cornered. **NEVER LET YOUR PETS STRAY!** This makes them easy targets for coyotes, especially domestic cats.

WILDCATS

Sightings are very rare in Costa Mesa, but wildcats live throughout Orange County. Like any wildlife, they can be dangerous. **NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN OR PETS UNATTENDED.**

RATTLESNAKES

Rattlesnakes are present throughout Orange County. They are venomous and all precautions should be taken to avoid them. When hiking, make sure both you and your dog **STAY ON THE PATH.** If it becomes necessary to leave the path, **WATCH WHERE YOU WALK.** Rattlesnakes may be coiled on the far side of fallen tree limbs and rocks where they are hard to see until it is too late.

WILDLIFE SAFETY

- ▶ Do not feed wildlife
- ▶ Keep dogs on a leash when walking
- ▶ Never leave children or pets unattended
- ▶ Stay on designated pathways when hiking