

FOOTHILLS COYOTE INITIATIVE

[THE FOOTHILLS COYOTE INITIATIVE](#) was developed to better understand interactions among people, pets, livestock and coyotes. *(click above or see Foothills Coyote Initiative Scope for more details)*

Our new multi-year initiative is funded by **SSHRC (2015-2019)** and seeks to:

- document local landowner experiences with coyotes
- understand attitudes, values, perceptions, and issues related to coyotes
- identify and explore approaches used to manage or coexist with coyotes
- mobilize and share [local science](#) to assist with coexistence strategies
- enhance [education and awareness](#) about coyotes through open access to scientific information and researchers
- engage citizens in science and solutions

To **learn** more about coyotes click [HERE](#)

Educational Information

FAQs: EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL ABOUT LIVING WITH COYOTES

[Are coyotes natural in Alberta and in cities?](#)

[What are some basic facts about coyote ecology?](#)

[Are coyote attacks rare?](#)

[What do Foothills Coyotes eat \(based on local research\)?](#)

[Does killing coyotes resolve conflict?](#)

[When is it most important for me to leash my dog?](#)

[Why do coyotes attack people/pets/livestock?](#)

[Foothills Coyotes \(Alberta, 2014-ongoing\)](#)

[Calgary Coyote Project \(Alberta, 2005-2013\)](#)

[Swift Fox Critical Habitat \(Alberta, Saskatchewan, Montana\)](#)

[Raincoast Wolf Project \(British Columbia\)](#)

[Painted Dogs \(Zimbabwe\)](#)

[Road Ecology and Fragmentation Projects \(Canada, MX, Belize\)](#)

[Spatial Epidemiology Research](#)

Foothills Coyote Initiative

The **Foothills Coyote Initiative** launched in 2015 and is **funded by SSHRC (2015-2019)**.

This project is being conducted in the Foothills Parkland Natural Region of Alberta, and began as an extension of the Calgary Coyote Project (2005 to 2013). Coyote ecology and conflict analysis inside city limits was extended to the rural regions surrounding Calgary between 2009-2013. We increased our research footprint in 2014 to include a study of human-coyote interactions at Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park.

The Foothills Coyote Initiative aims to gather interview data from local landowners, in order to document and better understand interactions with coyotes, identify the key issues faced by landowners, and learn what strategies are used to reduce conflict.

The broad study area extends from the City of Calgary, west to the Rocky Mountain Front, north to Water Valley and south to Bragg Creek. The area is under rapid urban expansion, which can heighten interactions among people, domestic pets, livestock and coyotes.

We will use a mixed methods approach, including in person interviews, on-line surveys, and geospatial (landscape) databases to examine:

- landowner experiences with coyotes
- factors that influence conflict or co-existence with coyotes
- human perceptions, attitudes, values and perceived risk related to coyotes
- strategies used to manage or coexist with coyotes

We plan to mobilize this research through community meetings, local presentations, on-line postings to this website, and regular communication with landowners in the region.