









Gray Wolf or Coyote?

	Gray Wolf	Coyote
		
Length	4.5 - 6.5 feet (nose to tail)	3.6 - 4.4 feet (nose to tail)
Shoulder Height	26 to 32 inches 	21 to 24 inches 
Track Size	4 - 5 long x 3 3/4 - 5 wide 	2 1/4 - 2 3/4 long x 1 3/4 - 2 3/8 wide 
Weight	60 - 154 pounds	20 - 50 pounds
Coat	Grizzled gray is the most common, but they range in color from black to white	Gray or reddish brown with rusty legs, feet & ears with a whitish belly & throat
Muzzle	Large and squared	Smaller and pointed
Ears	Rounded, relatively short	Pointed, relatively long
Diet	Elk, deer, caribou, moose, bison, beaver	Rabbits, rodents, deer, elk, carrion
Locomotion	Wolves trot at 5 miles per hour, but they can run in short bursts at up to 35 miles per hour.	Coyotes can run up to 25-30 mph
Habitat	Forest and tundra. Presently limited to areas of extensive wilderness. Wolves do not do well near human settlements.	They can be found in any variety of habitats including forests, deserts, prairies, mountains, agricultural areas, and urban areas. Most common in mixed habitats. They have adapted well to living in urban environments.
Range	Gray wolves once ranged over almost all of North America north of Mexico City, except parts of California. Extirpation of wolf populations began after European settlement. In the United States the range, population and legal status of wolves varies by state and region.	Alaska, much of mainland Canada, throughout the U.S., south through Mexico to western Panama. Not found in Hawaii.