

## Coyotes in Maine

I have lived in the woods and waters of Maine for 84 years and very fortunate to still be active in our beautiful state. Back in the 50's, 60's, 70's and into early 80's the "wary Coyote" was amongst the missing. My boys and I in those years could often take a dozen rabbits on a Saturday morning in front of our Beagles. Some fun for sure and we ate every one as Mom would make rabbit pie some mixed with chicken.

Deer hunting was wonderful and even in the North Woods with very few Coyotes around many hunters from afar came to our sporting camps to hunt deer.

However before the turn of the century Coyotes exploded in Maine and caught us all (Fish and Game included) by surprise. Rabbits disappeared deer disappeared in the North Woods and even in central and southern Maine numbers were down requiring Fish and Game to implement new laws to protect deer from being overharvested.

Fortunately here in the South many serious hunters have ganged up on these Coyotes (with modern thermal scopes, wicked lights etc.) and are now keeping these Coyotes in check.

Rabbits are slowly coming back and deer in the South are back to a point where Fish and Game for the first time in history are allowing many hunters to harvest both a buck and a doe. In fact as I'm writing these notes my wife just put a tasty venison loin in a frying pan for supper.

Dear me, for goodness sake, leave the Coyote Hunters alone as it presents a very challenging hunt in the middle of the Winter for many of us when there is little do but watch the bad news on TV. Hunters at this time are keeping Coyotes in check with no cost to Fish and Game.

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COYOTES HAVE TAKEN AWAY WONDERFUL DAYS LIKE THESE FROM OUR FAMILIES AT A TIME IN  
MAINE WHERE YOUNGSTERS ARE FINDING MUCH LESS HEALTHY THINGS TO DO. ???  
ALSO, TOUGH ON GROUSE, WOODCOCK, DUCKS BROODS AND DEVASTATING TO YOUNG DEER.





SARA SHOWS HER BROTHERS HOW ITS DONE, AGAIN



YES, THE COYOTE IS A BEAUTIFUL ANIMAL BUT PLEASE CONTINUE TO ALLOW HUNTERS TO KEEP THEM IN CHECK (AT NO COST TO FISH AND GAME) FOR CONTINUED BETTER HUNTING FOR EVERYONE.