COYOTES IN MAINE

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Having been born in 1939 and living my whole life in the woods and waters of our beautiful state, yes, I've seen it all. Back in the 60's, 70's, and early 80' the "Wiley Coyote" was amongst the missing. Note the dates on the photos and the expressions on my kids' faces to fully understand the joy they had hunting. They could often take a dozen rabbits (Snowshoe Hare) on a Saturday morning in front of our Beagles. Some fun for sure and we ate every one as Mom would make rabbit pie sometimes mixed with chicken. Deer hunting was wonderful even in the North Woods with very few Coyotes around when many hunters came from afar flooding our sporting camps to hunt these beautiful White Tail 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 and even in central and southern Maine numbers were down requiring Fish and Game to implement new laws to protect deer from being over harvested.

Fortunately, here in Southern Maine many serious hunters have ganged up on these coyotes (with modern thermal scopes, Wicked Lights etc. and are now keeping these "rascals" in check. Rabbits are coming back grouse, woodcock, ducks, bobcats, gray and red fox are showing up in good numbers. Deer in the South are back to a point where fish and game for the first time in many years are allowing hunters to harvest both a buck and a doe. "Maine Fish and Game" has it right as coyotes are being kept in check at no cost to tax payers.

Best To All, Dave Mosher

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