

Red Fox

Vulpes vulpes

Vital Statistics:

Weight (pounds):

At birth	¼
Adult male	10 (9 - 15)
Adult female	8 (7 - 10)

Total length:

Adult male	40 - 46 in.
Adult female	36 - 42 in.



Food:

The red fox is omnivorous with a strong preference for meats. These are primarily small mammals: mice, ground squirrels, moles, muskrats, cottontails and hares. An assortment of birds, insects and a very wide variety of vegetation, including berries, corn, grasses, apples, etc., make up its fare.

Habitat:

Red foxes prefer the forest openings and edges and along lakeshores or streambeds.

Reproduction:

The three to ten young are born from March to May after a 49 to 53 day gestation period. The pups appear above ground at one month, become independent at 15 weeks and become sexually mature at one year.





The young pups are weaned at one month and start to play around the den entrance. Home life is short and by four months of age they abandon the family unit to fend for themselves. The young are mature at ten months.

