



## Grey Fox

*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*

**Description:** The grey fox is peppery gray on top, reddish-brown on its sides, chest and the back of its head. Its legs and feet are also a reddish color. It has a long bushy tail with a black stripe on top. The grey fox has pointed ears, a pointed muzzle and long hooked claws.

**Geographic Range/Habitat:** The grey fox can be found from southern Canada to northern Columbia and Venezuela. The grey fox lives in a wide variety of habitats, but prefers areas with lots of brush or woods.

**Behavior:** Grey foxes usually den in crevices in rocks, in underground burrows, under rocks, in hollow logs, or in hollow trees. This fox is adept at climbing trees particularly if they are leaning or have branches close to the ground, and it is not unusual for it to use this escape device when fleeing from potential predators. Contrary to common belief, grey foxes are not strictly animals of the night but they are much more active then.



**Diet:** Primarily small mammals but will also eat eggs, insects, birds, fruits, acorns and berries.

**Zoo Diet:** Commercial carnivore diet, fruit

**Status:** Common