



The Red Fox

Vulpes Vulpes



Caledonian Pine Wood, 2007, Mark Hamblin Photography



Farm Pond, 2006, Mark Hamblin Photography

Red Foxes in hedgerow in spring, 2006, Mark Hamblin Photography

The Red Fox is a nocturnal, mostly solitary mammal that lives across most of North America.

They are about the size of a small dog, with red fur covering most of the body, white on the chest, and black on the legs.

Habitats

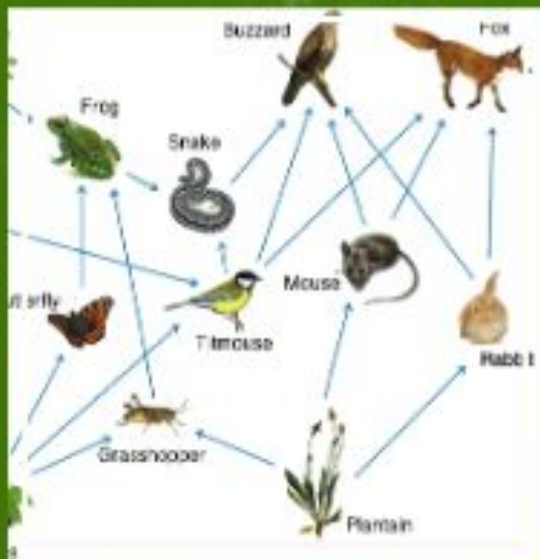
- Forests
- Mountains
- Grassland
- Farmland
- Urban Areas
- Marshes



Inish Marshes, 2008, Mark Hamblin Photography

Diet

- Small mammals
- Birds
- Insects
- Earthworms
- Eggs
- Berries
- Fruits



Food Web, Ms. Parker's class website



Red Fox Babies, 2013, Zachary David Photography

Reproduction

4-6 cubs born in an underground den in spring

Benefit or Nuisance?

- Can kill animals that are a nuisance to farmers, such as rodents
- Might kill and eat farm animals
- Can carry diseases such as rabies



Fox806751, 2008, Mark Hamblin Photography

Diseases/Pests

Red Foxes' common diseases include rabies and mange, and they usually have parasites.