

Wild, Wild Wolves



Once abundant in Missouri, the gray wolf inhabits a reduced portion of its former range due to widespread destruction of its territory, human encroachment and the resulting human-wolf encounters that sparked broad local extinction. Today, wolves are protected in some areas, hunted for sport in others, or may be subject to extermination as perceived threats to livestock and pets.

1. What is the scientific name of the gray wolf?

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2. Describe the gray wolf.

Height:

Weight:

Does this differ for males and females? If so, how?

Colors:

3. Do wolves live alone in the wild? Explain.

4. What do wolves eat? How do they get their food?

5. BEHAVIOR: Watch one wolf for two minutes. Describe some of the behaviors you see. Are they sleeping, eating, running, playing or doing another activity?