

Whitetail Deer



Whitetail deer are common in the urban landscape and although beautiful, should be treated with respect. Whitetail deer can be identified by their:

- Large white tail (all white underneath with a white edge on the top side of the tail)
- Reddish to Grey coloured coats
- Large body size up to 1m at the shoulder
- Males are distinguished by pronounced antlers at the head

If you spot deer wandering through the neighbourhood, or Fawns (baby deer) left alone, please **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!** Deer will generally clear the area and mothers often leave their fawns for hours at a time to feed.



Eastern Cottontail Rabbit



Possum



Squirrel

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Town of Ajax Urban Wildlife Information



Foxes



Foxes are a staple of urban wildlife. They are not the cunning and sly creatures we see in storybooks but are actually shy and nervous. Pictured above is a Red Fox, the most common in the area. They can be identified by their:

- Dog like appearance
- Red coloured fur
- Pointed ears, pointed snout
- Bushy tail

Coyotes



Coyotes are a part of urban wildlife in the Town of Ajax. Coyotes can be identified by their:

- Dog like appearance with colours ranging from brown to grey and white
- Pointed ears and short snouts
- Bushy tails that are commonly tipped with black fur

Coyotes are quite skittish and will generally avoid humans.

Interactions With Wildlife

DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE

- Feeding wild life can be very detrimental to the health and well being of the animal
- Feeding wildlife can make animals dependent on artificial food sources
- Ensure that all garbage is secure and only placed outside on collection day
- Birdfeeders can attract nuisance wildlife
- Birdfeeders must be suspended off the ground and spilt seed cleaned regularly

WILDLIFE IN DISTRESS

- If you spot wildlife in obvious distress or an animal posing a hazard to itself or residents call Ajax Animal Services at (905)-683-8275 or the Police
- If healthy small mammals are present on your property or in your home please contact a professional wildlife removal service via Yellowpages or an online search

Black Bears



Please see The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry website "[Bear Wise](https://www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-encounters-bear-wise)" for more information. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-encounters-bear-wise> or call 1-(705)-685-7830

Small Mammals



Nuisance Wildlife includes animals such as;

- **Raccoons** - recognizable by their black "masked" faces and bushy striped tails
- **Skunks** - Distinct black and white coloured fur on their back and tail, coupled with a strong odour
- **Squirrels** - Varying in colours from black to grey and red. Squirrels are recognizable by their curled bushy tails
- **Possums** - Recognizable by their hairless, rat like tail. Possums have grey wiry hair with white faces.
- **Cottontail Rabbits** - Varying degrees of brown and grey colourings with a white tail like a cotton ball.

Rodents



Rats and Mice are common in the Town of Ajax. Rodents eat almost anything, breed quickly and easily and can damage property. Making your yard free of garbage, clutter and a food source make it less attractive to rodents. If you are experiencing an issue with rodents please contact a professional wildlife removal service via the Yellowpages or an online search.