



Wolves

National Wildlife Refuge System

- Wolves once hunted all over North America, Europe and America, covering a greater range than any other land mammal except people.
- **Gray, or timber, wolves** live in all types of habitat. They are common in Alaska, but their range also includes Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The smaller endangered **red wolf** lives in the eastern and south central United States. The **Mexican gray wolf** is the most endangered wolf in North America; a recovery program is underway in the southwestern United States.
- Wolves live in packs of two to 15. They usually mate for life, the mother giving birth in dens or burrows in the ground. Members of the pack bring food and help tend the pups. Wolves communicate with each other by whining, yelping, growling and howling.
- Wolves live 10 – 18 years, eating mostly large mammals such as deer, elk, caribou as well as beaver and rabbit. Gray wolves in Alaska have been known to eat fish in a pinch.



Gray wolf
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