

Wolves Sighted in the Sioux Lookout Area*Residents and businesses urged to reduce household and commercial attractants***NEWS**

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The Ontario government is reminding area residents to be aware of wolf sightings in the Sioux Lookout area and take the necessary steps to avoid attracting wolves into local neighbourhoods.

In the past two weeks, there have been two wolf incidents involving dogs in the Sioux Lookout area including sightings in the Drayton road areas.

It's important to note that the same wolf can result in multiple sightings. The Ontario government is reminding the public that wolves are attracted to garbage products containing meat, milk and eggs. Removing these attractants can help keep wolves out of the area.

To help prevent attracting wolves to your property:

- Do not feed wildlife such as deer (by removing deer food and salt blocks).
- Keep pet food indoors.
- Remove bush and forest cover that can help conceal predators like wolves from all active pastures.
- Ensure you have a well-lit yard or use motion-sensitive lighting.

Cats and small dogs may be seen as prey by wolves, while larger dogs may be seen as competitors. To avoid these situations consider the following suggestions:

- Feed pets indoors.
- Do not allow pets to roam. Wolves may try to kill a dog or a cat when given the opportunity.
- Walk your dog on a leash at all times.
- Do not leave pets unattended outside unless they are in a kennel with a secure top. Wolves can jump into fenced yards, and dogs confined by chains are vulnerable to attack.
- Spay or neuter your dogs. Wolves are attracted to, and can mate with, domestic dogs that have not been spayed or neutered.

QUICK FACTS

- If a wolf poses an immediate threat to public safety by exhibiting threatening or aggressive behaviour, call 911.

LEARN MORE

- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/preventing-and-managing-conflicts-coyotes>
- <https://files.ontario.ca/mnrf-best-practices-guide-coyote-human-interactions-en-2022-10-07.pdf>

- To learn more about wolves, including how to deal with wolf problems, call the ministry's district office that serves your area: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry-regional-and-district-offices>

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