

## Wildlife on Campus

Occasionally black bears, coyotes, and cougars can be found wandering through CapU campuses. It is important to remember that wild animals don't typically want to interact with humans. If you see wildlife on campus, please do not approach! Stay a safe distance away and watch how the creature is behaving. Typically, the animal will simply run into the woods and be gone.



**Coyotes** are a midsized wild dog species. They are the most numerous wild dog species in the province. Smaller than a wolf, yet bigger than a red fox, mature coyotes in BC including their tail are 1-1.3m long and weigh approximately 10-20 kg. They have a bushy black tipped tail.

**Black Bears** are large omnivores and can be dangerous if surprised or with cubs. However, the bear is quite a shy animal if you don't run and let it know you are around, it will move away from human contact not towards it. If cornered a bear will charge, and attack.



**Cougars** are the largest of the three wild cats in Canada and are formidable hunters. A large male cougar can weigh over 100 kg but is likely to be in the 60-80 kg range. Typically, females are about 25% smaller than males.

If you encounter a wild animal, keep calm. Make yourself look as large as possible and back away slowly, keeping the wildlife in view, and allowing a clear exit for the animal. Pick up children and small pets immediately. Never run or turn your back-sudden movements can provoke an attack. **Notify campus security 604-984-1763 or RCMP 911**

Safety is a priority at CapU! Do your part by completing tasks in a manner that does not put yourself, others or the environment at risk. **Never walk past an unsafe act or condition** and if you see something that cannot be corrected right away, secure it and inform your supervisor and the safety department.