## **SCIENCE** in the Park

## **Red fox**

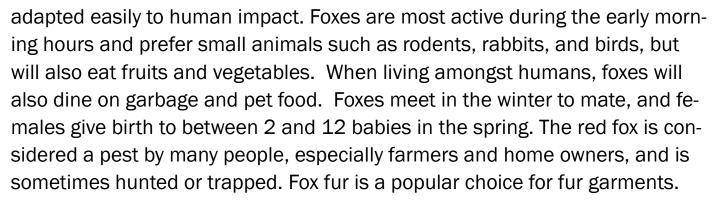
**Vulpes vulpes** 

**Family: Canidae** 

**Predator/Ominivore** 

Native to Virginia

The red fox is a cunning hunter that has



## **Facts**

## The fox stalks its prey much like a cat; it gets as close as it can and then pounces.

- Foxes use their tails as a warm cover during cold weather and to communicate with other foxes.
- When first born, the red fox is actually grey or brown. Its coat will usually turn red within a month.
- Not all red foxes are red; some may be golden, reddish-brown, silver, or black.
- Unlike other mammals, the red fox hears low frequency sounds very well and can hear small animals digging underground.

