

A HOME FOR YOU...AND WILDLIFE?

Living in the southwestern U.S. means learning to live with many different desert dwelling creatures. Coyotes, javelinas, rattlesnakes and bats are just a few of the critters to inhabit southwestern cities. Looking at the house in front of you, what are we providing these animals with for food, water and shelter?

In Nature:



Coyotes eat rabbits, prairie dogs, mice, birds, cactus fruit and mesquite beans. They find shelter in dens of other animals. They get their water from any free standing water they find.



Javalina eat cacti, succulent plants, bulbs, tubers, beans and seeds. They find shelter in burrows under trees and shrubs. They get water from the cacti and succulents they eat and any free standing water they find.



Rattlesnakes eat small mammals and birds. They find shelter in rocky crevices and abandoned borrows from other animals. They get water from any free standing water they find.



Bats eat insects, nectar and cacti fruit. They find shelter in hollows, crevices and foliage. They get water from any free standing water they find.

In Your Neighborhood:

Coyotes eat trash, cats and small dogs. They find shelter under trailers, porches and any other structures that are burrow or cave like. They get water from any free standing water including pet bowls and pools.

Javelina eat trash and landscaping plants. They find shelter under trailers, porches, and any other structures that are burrow or cave like. They get water from any free standing water including pet bowls and pools. They are also know to chew irrigation lines.

Rattlesnakes eat rodents and birds that are attracted to bird feeders. They find shelter under trailers, porches, and any other structures that are burrow or cave like. They get water from any free standing water including pet bowls and bird baths.

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