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# **My favourite wild animal**

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## The red and the white foxes

Red foxes live in free nature. The scientists call them “*vulpes vulpes*”. Adult foxes can weight 2-14kg. Red foxes live in Africa, Eurasia, North America and Europe. The arctic foxes live in the Arctic. We also call them polar foxes or white foxes. They are white in winter and grey or black in summer.

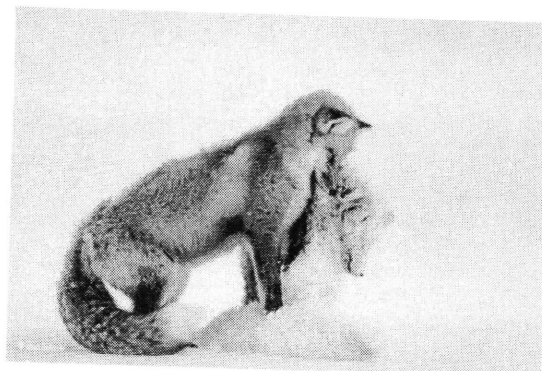
Foxes can live 2-5 years in free nature. They like all food. They can eat more than 300 animals and flowers like squirrels, mice, rabbits, birds, coypus, hamsters and many others.

Adult foxes are 35-50 cm tall and they have got 30 – 56 cm long tail. Foxes are very slim. They have got long ears. Red foxes have got an orange fur but the baby foxes are black or grey. In the forest they make many dens because there they hide their kits.



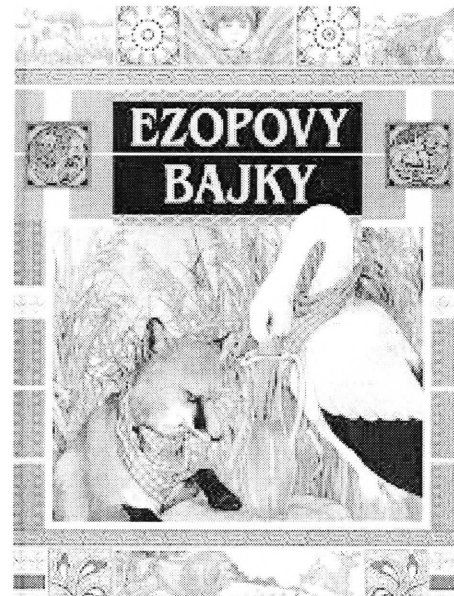
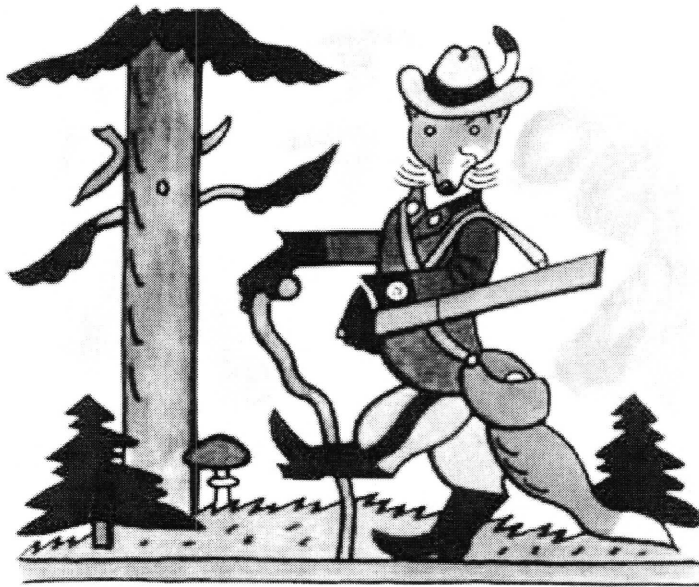
The red fox uses the body language. Foxes can also produce twelve different sounds but kits can produce only eight sounds.

Red foxes don't like arctic foxes. When red foxes go to north (Arctic), they have problem. There is not food for them. So sometimes they can eat arctic foxes. Arctic foxes are slimmer than red foxes. Wolves can kill foxes for food.



There are a lot of books about foxes. For example the Greek writer Aesop wrote many stories about clever foxes. One of them is called "The Fox and the Crow". The fox saw a crow in the forest. The crow had cheese and the fox was very hungry. She said to the crow: "You have very beautiful voice. You are the king of the birds. Can you sing for me?" The proud crow started to sing and the cheese fell down to the fox.

The Czech writer Josef Lada created the famous book "About the Clever Godmother Fox".

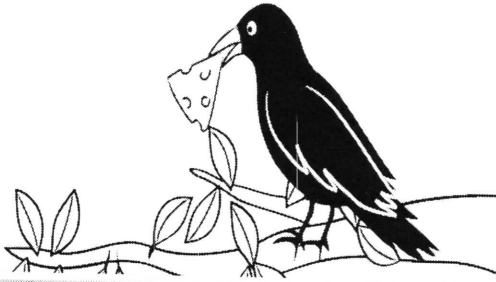


Foxes are my favourite animals. I want to have one in our garden. I know it's not easy to take care of the fox. She needs love and company. I don't like when people kill them for fur to make coats. They are beautiful and clever animals.

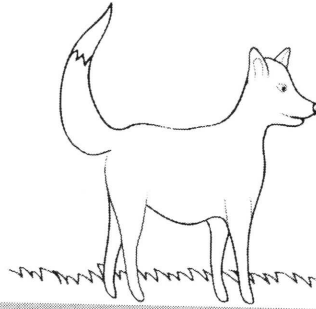
# The fox and the crow

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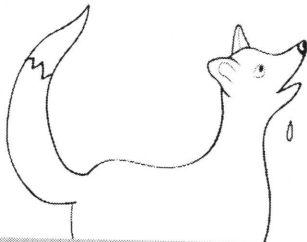
One day a crow stole a piece of cheese and sat on a branch of a tree to eat it in peace.



At that moment a clever fox was passing by. Sniff! Sniff! "What is that I smell?" he said.



He stopped under the tree and saw the crow. "Mmm. I'd like to have a bite of that cheese," he thought.



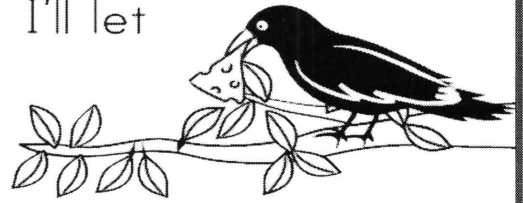
The fox looked up at the crow and said, "You are a fine crow! What lovely shiny feathers you have! You are the King of the Birds!"



When the crow heard the praise of the fox, he became proud and happy. The crow flapped his wings triumphantly.



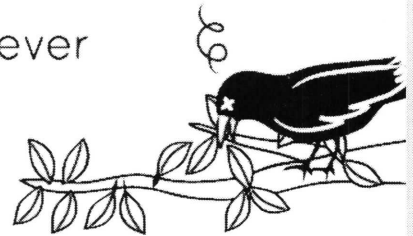
The crow thought, "The fox could be right. I am the king of the birds. I'll let him hear my sweet voice."



The crow opened his beak and began to sing, "Cra! Cra! Cra!" Then the piece of cheese fell through the air. At once the fox ran to it and ate it up.



Then the fox said to the crow, "Silly crow. That was the worst voice I've ever heard, but most of all, you're the most stupid bird I've ever met! And thanks for the cheese." And he ran off into the woods.

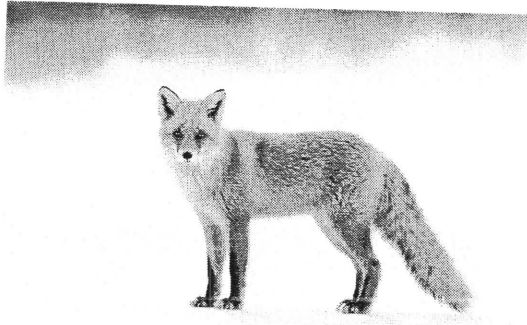


# All about foxes – the worksheet

1. Connect parts of fox with the words.  
fox:

Now you can check answers and colour

ears, eyes, whiskers, paws, belly, back, tail



right



wrong



2. Where do arctic foxes live? Circle the correct answer.

in the forests    in the Arctic    at the zoo    in Europe

3. Where is the fox village?

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4. What song about foxes do you know?

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5. What do foxes eat?

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6. Where do foxes sleep in wild nature?

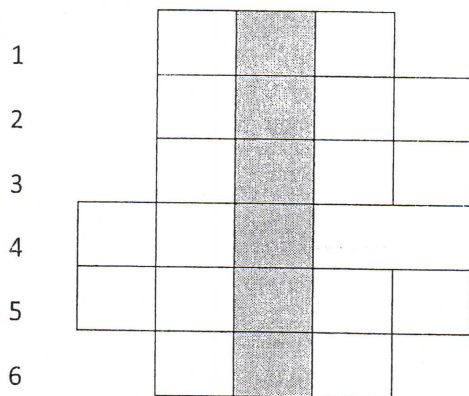
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## Crossword about foxes

1. What is this crossword about?
2. What colour are small foxes?
3. What do foxes have on their head?
4. Where do red foxes in wild nature live?
5. What kind of weather don't they like?
6. How can you say „forest“ in Czech?

Answer: The red foxes have got an .....fur.





# The body of the fox

