THE BLACK BRITISH COLUMBIA WOLF IN MAPLE RIDGE.

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**Video Documentation:**

1. Ordog GJ: WOLFPACK OF 6 IN MAPLE RIDGE. <https://youtu.be/N-jjr1YahdA> .

( WOLFPACK OF 6 IN MAPLE RIDGE. JANUARY 22, 2025. MAPLE RIDGE, BC CANADA. This is the final in a series of videos I have made, over the years, on Wolves, Coyotes, and Coyo-wolves. The British Columbia Black Wolf is a unique type of wolf, only in BC, until recently transplanted to Colorado. Check on a population map for wolf species, and you can see that the BC Black Wolf has not really changed throughout history. That is unlike the rest of the World, where the local wolves have disappeared or become extinct. Up until this year I had seen perhaps a dozen of these "BC Black Wolves." This year I am seeing them every day. Since I put the first "Black Wolf" video, on-line, I have been asked to submit more. These probably wolves are very "skittish." They are hard to film, hard to get close to, let alone being on private property that I do not want to trespass on. So, please excuse the lousy photography. Like I say: "These films are like Sasquatch photos, very distant, grainy, and of lousy quality." Plus, I only have a cell phone to film with. Anyway, I will keep trying. Again, Thank you for your kind support. Ps - these are beautiful creatures, please help protect them, so you may continue to have a good life!!!)

1. WOLF LOPES THROUGH MAPLE RIDGE. <https://youtu.be/wJcGzmk46_k>

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WOLF LOPES THROUGH MAPLE RIDGE. December 2024. Maple Ridge, BC, Canada. British Columbia Black Wolves, seen in Maple Ridge. I have only seen maybe a dozen of these in my whole life. The female in this video is loping, that is, trotting like a horse. Not its fastest gait, which I showed you in the last video, the gallop. In the last video, she was in a hurry, in this video, not so much. As these are unique wolves, and no one seems to know about them, tomorrow I will put them all together in a video on the British Columbia Black Wolf. Thant you for your kind support, and have a good life. (ps one on one, not vicious; at least to me. Even two on one, they still ran away. I have never met a pack of these though!)

(Transcript: I believe this is the British Columbia Black Wolf, as I will show you later, these are some closeups. I could not get any closer. This is 200 power on my cell phone, but I believe it shows enough detail for you to be convinced that it is. On this Wolf chart, third way down on the left, called the British Columbia Wolf. Some people call it Black Wolf or Black British Columbia Wolf. But, there, it is it looks exactly like this creature that I'm filming, for the

past two weeks, and a couple closer views. It is apparently a wolf and of course. Gary J Ordog, MD.)

1. WOLF GALLOPS THROUGH MAPLE RIDGE. <https://youtu.be/r1PDSTTpQ7A> .

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(Transcript: WOLF GALLOPS THROUGH MAPLE RIDGE. DECEMBER 2024. TOOK 2 WEEKS TO FILM. Maple Ridge, BC, Canada. This is probably a female black wolf. It is galloping across this field, much like a horse would gallop. This would be its fastest gait. At least 35 mph, can run for a hundred miles. This appears to be either losing its summer coat of black, changing to a winter coat of grey. (Grey Wolf) Hopefully, it is not mangy?!!)

1. I CRY WOLF. <https://youtu.be/2iFrY-EPSAo> .

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(Transcript: I CRY WOLF. THE WOLVES ARE BACK. Maple Ridge, BC, Canada. DECEMBER 02, 2024. Driving along the highway, and I can't believe my eyes. Two wolves running beside me. I had to pull off and turn around. I was able to film them for about five minutes. They were on private property, so I couldn't get any closer. At first, I was considering two large black German Shepherds. But they were too skittish to be domestic animals. Twice the size of the largest coyote here, and totally different colour than our coyotes. Plus, this pair was big and muscular. Anyway, the bears moved out last week, with the first freezing, and I think the wolves have moved in. Let me know what you think, in the Comments please. Thank you for your kind support.)

1. WHELPING COYOWOLF. <https://youtu.be/1DTixDdPzZc> .

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(Transcript: WHELPING COYOWOLF. You can discuss what this animal is. It has characteristics of both coyote and wolf. It is larger and huskier than your typical coyote. After much consternation, I will call this a "coyowolf." I initially thought that it was a wolf, but after presenting it to multiple "experts" my conclusion has to be "Coyowolf." Despite that, here is a Lupine whelping in the middle of an open field. That, in itself, is unusual, as I know that it had a nice den. Perhaps, it was driven out? It was obviously pregnant and ready to nurse (see the photos at the end). You can see it licking the whelps, sorry, but I did not want to get any closer for filming, in case I scared it away. Anyway, for what it is worth from my cell-phone, this is my only known whelping of a "coyowolf." Again, I had called it a "wolf" before discussing the photos with many other "experts. Thank you for your kind support, and continue to have a good life!)

1. COYOWOLF. <https://youtu.be/-OPpHGVdByc> .

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(Transcript: COYOWOLF? OR COYWOLF? I saw this one while hiking in the Blaney Bog of Maple Ridge, BC, Canada. Including some discussion of this hybrid. I see coyotes everyday while hiking, also a few wolves in the area, which were usually black. Thank you for your support.)

Transcript: Okay, is this a Coyowolf, or as you may say a coywolf. This is a unusual looking large dark, darkly colored coyote looking dog. A pretty broad head, sitting on the dikes down in Blaney Bog, in Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Canada.

Sorry, it was raining that day and if I got any closer, I would have spooked him. But, there he is laying on the dikes looking for some food obviously. Having a rest, laying patiently, waiting for something to jump out. Anyway, you'll see him later. He has a wolf-like coloring and is rather large, with a large fat head. Coyowolf is an informal term for a canid hybrid, descended from coyotes eastern wolves, and gray wolves. All members of the genus canis are closely genetically related with 78 chromosomes, and therefore can interbreed. One genetic study indicated that these two species identically diverged relatively recently, between 55,000 and 117,000 years ago. Genome studies indicate that nearly all North American Gray Wolf populations possess some degree of admixture with coyotes, following a geographic climb with the lowest levels occurring in Alaska, and the highest levels in Ontario and Quebec. As well as Atlantic, Canada; hybrids of any combination tend to be larger than coyotes, but smaller than wolves. They show behaviors intermediate between coyotes and their parents species. In one captive hybrid experiment, six hybrid pups from a male Northwestern Gray Wolf and a female coyote were measured shortly after birth, with an average of their weights, lengths, and diameters, and circumferences; and they compared those with true coyotes. Despite being delivered from a female coyote, the hybrid pups at birth were much larger and heavier than regular coyote pups born and measured around the same time; and they increased in size proportionally with their age, compared with pure coyotes. Eastern Wolf and coyote hybrids form more cooperative social groups and are generally less aggressive with each other while playing. Hybrids also reach sexual maturity when they are two years old, which is much later than what occurs with pure coyotes. Now, watch this video and you will see him get up, and walk along; and when he does stand up you'll see he is fairly large and husky compared to the typical coyote. He has a broader head and his colorings are, a lot of black in him, more like a black wolf. Or, to me, looks like the shading of a German Shepherd. He's still sitting there looking for his meal, and I didn't want to spook him. So. I didn't go close to him. And I'm sorry about the picture quality, this was taken from a long ways away, with the telephoto lens, and it was pouring rain at the time. So, he obviously does not mind the wet weather. And you will see here he gets up look at his dark coloration and his long lanky legs like a like a wolf and fairly big head not a skinny little head like a coyote. And, the big broad bushy tail not like typical coyotes. This is more like a wolf. So, I would call him a Coyowolf, or a Coywolf. And, there he goes off screen. There, look at that look at that coloration. He's very dark, unusual in my estimation of coyotes. And, he does have a very broad head compared to a skinny head of a coyote. But the others have a jaw than the

Wolf. The wolves that I've seen there, there is a nice profile with his head looking towards us. And that broad head, large fluffy tail, dark coloration of a German Shepherd, or a wolf. Okay, when coyote meets wolf: the Coywolf or Coyowolf as I like to call them. It just seems a little more distinguished coyote coywolf wolf, there's a comparison larger size, intermediate size

and a little bit huskier and longer legs. So, there's a coyote on the left wolf on the right. They're very very similar the Coyowolf, there's the differences. And, the way to identify them, big bushy

tail, longer limbs, a little bit huskier, and a little bit shorter jawline. Coyowolf or coywolf, there's a photograph of one, obviously a female. Here's another Coyowolf. Look, this one looks more like a wolf than the typical coyote. Or even the typical Coyowolf. Here's like the one I saw on the dykes. There, very, very similar in coloration and stature. So, thank you, subscribe below please and thank you for all your support over the years. I appreciate it have a good life. Thank you bye.)

1. Cranberry Coyote: A DAY in the Life. <https://youtu.be/U28US-4BChs> .

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Transcript: CRANBERRY COYOTE: A DAY IN THE LIFE. PITT POLDER, BC. MAY 10, 2024. I saw this coyote prowling through a cranberry field. As my battery went dead, I waited by Auto Service, and spent the day filming this guy. I didn't see him catch anything, all day.

Description of The Black British Columbia Wolf:

The British Columbia wolf is a subspecies of the Grey Wolf(1,2). They are one of the largest subspecies of North American wolves, weighing around 80 to 150 pounds and are roughly 5ft to 5ft 10 long(1,2). These wolves have long coats which are usually black, often mixed with grey, or brown(1,2). The black coat colour is a result of wolves interbreeding with dogs over 45,000 years ago(3). Wolves are widely distributed throughout British Columbia, and once extirpated from Vancouver Island, they have returned and recolonized(3).

The wolf was first classed as a distinct subspecies in 1941 by Edward Goldman, who described his specimen as being large with a skull closely resembling that of C. l. pambasileus, and whose fur is generally of a cinnamon-buff colour.[2] This wolf is recognized as a subspecies of Canis lupus in the taxonomic authority Mammal Species of the World (2005).[5]

Studies using mitochondrial DNA have indicated that the wolves of coastal south-east Alaska are genetically distinct from inland gray wolves, reflecting a pattern also observed in other taxa.[4][6][7] They show a phylogenetic relationship with extirpated wolves from the south (Oklahoma), indicating that these wolves are the last remains of a once widespread group that has been largely extirpated during the last century, and that the wolves of northern North America had originally expanded from southern refuges below the Wisconsin glaciation after the ice had melted at the end of the Last Glacial Maximum. These findings call into question the taxonomic classification of C. l. nulibus proposed by Nowak.[4] Another study found that the wolves of coastal British Columbia were genetically and ecologically distinct from the inland wolves, including other wolves from inland British Columbia.[3] A study of the three coastal wolves indicated a close phylogenetic relationship across regions that are geographically and ecologically contiguous, and the study proposed that Canis lupus ligoni (Alexander Archipelago wolf), Canis lupus columbianus (British Columbia wolf), and Canis lupus crassodon (Vancouver Island wolf) should be recognized as a single subspecies of Canis lupus.[7]

In 2016, two studies compared the DNA sequences of 42,000 single nucleotide polymorphisms in North American gray wolves and found the coastal wolves to be genetically and phenotypically distinct from other wolves.[8] They share the same habitat and prey species, and form one of the study's six identified ecotypes – a genetically and ecologically distinct population separated from other populations by their different type of habitat.[8][9] The local adaptation of a wolf ecotype most likely reflects the wolf's preference to remain in the type of habitat that it was born into.[8] Wolves that prey on fish and small deer in wet, coastal environments tend to be smaller than other wolves.[8]

**DISCUSSION:**

A wolf-like animal has been identified in Maple Ridge, BC, Canada. Although, similar Black Wolves have been spotted in Maple Ridge, occasionally, for many years; it is only this year that they are consistently seen, and in the same general area. Physically, it appears that a pack of Black British Columbia Wolves, is living in Maple Ridge, with at least six individuals physicially identified, and shown in the above videos. The den has not yet been discovered, nor has the researcher been able to get close enough to get a DNA sample. The major restriction, so far, is the restriction due to the area being private property. Hopefully, this will be rectified soon.

**CONCLUSION:**

A pack of Black British Columbia Wolves (Six) has been identified in Maple Ridge, BC, Canada. This is tentative, based upon physical characteristics, and is pending DNA confirmation. Further research is required.

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