

# WHY YOU'RE SPOTTING MORE ANIMALS DURING COVID-19

There aren't more animals, we're just paying better attention to them

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Coyotes often live in or near urban areas. Usually, they avoid people by going out at night. Because Covid-19 is keeping people indoors, coyotes are more often roaming by day.

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**Answer the following questions in full sentences:**

1. What is this news story about?

**The increased visibility of many species of animals as a result of the Covid-19 lockdown and changes in behaviour of people in cities.**

2. What are the main reasons for people spotting more animals in 2020?
  - **Animals have to go into cities to get food because they are not getting human rubbish**
  - **Humans are not going out as much, so not scaring away animals**
  - **There is less noise pollution so they can be heard more easily**
  - **Spring is breeding time for many species**
  - **People are looking more**

3. Explain what is meant by a 'boom and bust' in terms of a population.

**A boom is where the population increases and a bust is where it decreases, often directly related to the food supply.**

4. Write down the meanings of any words **in bold** in the article.

**Rodents - mammals including rats, mice, squirrels, hamsters**

**Scarce – not enough for the demand**

**Residential – designed for people to live in**

**Urban – relating to towns or cities**

**Screen time - time spent using a device such as a computer, television, or games console**