

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