

# the basics of wolf biology

The table below compares the size and appearance of the **red wolf** to other canid species in the United States.

	<b>RED WOLF</b> ( <i>Canis rufus</i> )	<b>GRAY WOLF</b> ( <i>Canis lupus</i> )	<b>COYOTE</b> ( <i>Canis latrans</i> )	<b>FOX</b> Vulpes or Urocyron)
<b>SIZE</b>	3 to 4 feet long from nose to tail	5 to 6 feet long from nose to tail	3 to 4 feet long from nose to tail	3 to 3.5 feet long from nose to tail
<b>WEIGHT</b>	42 to 84 pounds	80 to 120 pounds	20 to 45 pounds	10-15 pounds
<b>COLOR</b>	reddish brown, brown mixed with tan and black, red on ears and legs	gray, tan, mixed gray, tan, and black, black, white	reddish brown, tan, gray, mixture of tan and gray	reddish brown (red fox) grizzled gray (gray fox)
<b>EYE COLOR</b>	yellow, green, or brownish	yellow, green, or brownish	yellow to green	yellow to brown