



Wolves in Yellowstone National Park

Wolves are large, wild dogs. They can be black, brown, white, or gray, with variations of color in their fur. They usually have a white or light-colored muzzle and legs, with a dark end of their tail. They are 41 to 63 inches long, 32 to 34 inches high at the shoulder, and weigh up to 79 pounds.

Wolves were hunted as a threat to people and livestock and for their fur to near extinction within Yellowstone from 1914 to 1935. Wolves were at the top of the endangered species list in 1973. They were reintroduced to Yellowstone in 1995 and 1996 when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service brought Mackenzie Valley wolves from Canada back into the park.



What did you learn about the wolves of Yellowstone?

1. Why were wolves hunted in 1914 to 1935?

2. When were wolves listed at the top of the endangered species list?

3. When were wolves reintroduced to Yellowstone National Park? Who brought them and from where?

