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U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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RED WOLF COALITION

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To report a dead or injured red wolf,  
call the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
at 252-473-1131.

## Hunters, can you tell a common coyote from a rare red wolf?

The coyote is fair game; the red wolf, an endangered species restored to North Carolina, is not. Unfortunately, it's tough to tell the two apart—especially young animals—and red wolves are shot by mistake.

Not all red wolves wear radio collars and, despite their name, they come in many of the same colors as coyotes: brown, buff, tan, gray, reddish brown and a variety of combinations. Adult red wolves are taller, longer and heavier than coyotes, but in the summer and fall, their pups are similar in size to coyotes.

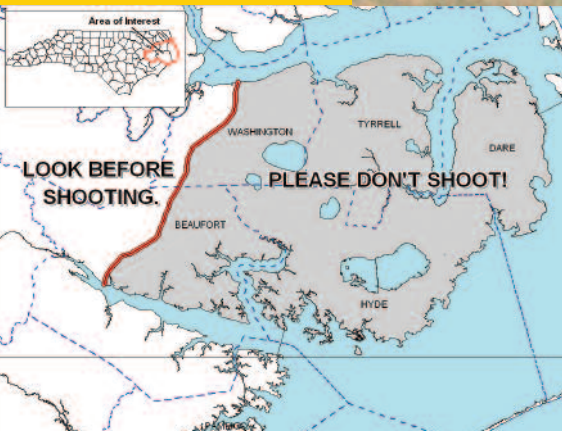


Height (at shoulder)	22 inches
Length (tip of nose to base of tail)	3 feet
Weight:	25-35 pounds



### Red wolf

26 inches
4 feet
50-80 pounds



**Harming a red wolf is against the law.\* Play it safe:**

**DON'T SHOOT EAST OF STATE HIGHWAY 32!**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages coyotes found east of 32 (red line on map) in the area inhabited by red wolves (gray on map), so you're more likely to see young red wolves there than coyotes.

\*Red wolves are protected under the federal Endangered Species Act. Killing one can result in civil and/or criminal penalties that may include fines and forfeiture of any property used in the crime.