

Eastern Coyote Research Field School

Hello, my name is Jonathan Way. I run the Eastern Coyote Research program on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. My book, *Suburban Howls* (available at www.EasternCoyoteResearch.com), describes this research in depth. As a way to get the general public involved in my research I offer flexible field school courses, which also help to fund my research.

The 2 main activities associated with my research are box trapping efforts in order to collar and release coyotes for radio-monitoring purposes. The second activity, and what we spend most of our time on in the field school sessions, is intensive radio-tracking of collared animals/packs. This involves much night-time tracking efforts where we follow (and very often see) tagged individuals in order to determine their ecology such as home range and territory use, movement and activity patterns, sociality, and den and rendezvous site use. Past participants have had excellent luck in seeing coyotes, mostly at night while we track them when they are most active.

I make field school courses on a participant-based schedule (i.e., you and I make arrangements); therefore, I do not have set times/dates for classes. Because I have a Toyota Tacoma I limit trip opportunities to 2-3 people per event and these participants stay at my house (I have a wife and 2 kids) during overnight expeditions. Typical rates are as follows:

- for a single tracking session (usually around 4 hours at dawn, dusk, and/or at night) is \$50 for one or \$75 for a pair. This option is good for locals that do not have a far drive to reach my study area.
- for an overnight expedition is \$150 for an afternoon until the following late-morning for 1 person or \$200 for a pair.
- for 3 day/2 night trips are around \$350. Example: starting on Monday afternoon and finishing Wednesday late-morning.

Both of the second situations include food (usually cooked by my lovely wife, Tara, or myself) and housing (I have a spare couch in our basement). All other inquiries are made on a case-by-case basis, but hopefully this gives you some idea about activities and rates. Checks can be made to "Eastern Coyote Research" and I can provide an address when needed.

Depending on your interest, participants can request special activities (like going to an old den site or a specific location mentioned in my book). I also have lots of video both digitized and on VCR that participants can watch during daytime downtime activities.

Thank you for your interest in my Eastern Coyote Research.

Jon Way