



The Winter Views is gorgeous! We are on the Niagara Escarpment in Beaver Valley. The magazine is sitting in every home I visited over the holidays. Keep writing :)
Laura Artibello, via www.NEViews.ca

I finally managed to get a copy of your magazine, even though I had given up on finding one of this issue — snagged one at the Pancake Factory. I haven't finished it yet but it looks like a great publication, looking forward to reading it all.
Dave McDonald, Toronto, via Facebook

We sure enjoy reading your magazine with all your great photos & articles.
Brian & Judy Munro, Georgetown

The last issue was wonderful!
Susan Ramsay, Stoney Creek

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We have just received amazing feedback. It was a wonderful article. It looks beautiful. People are thrilled at that magazine, the copy. Somebody did a pdf and it travelled all through the States and we received great reviews. We've received a great deal of phone calls from community members that need support and assistance with illegal activities surrounding hound hunting and that kind of thing. It's been a real plus to expose folks to getting some educational outreach and support. We really appreciate NEViews for putting that information out there. It's very, very progressive. On behalf of Coyote Watch Canada, our board and advisory council, we do thank you so much for that opportunity.
Lesley Sampson, Coyote Watch Canada

Re: "Co-existing with Coyotes" by Chris Mills, Winter 2014-2015:
 Reading the title on the front cover of Niagara Escarpment Views sparked my interest in reading the article. I have found this subject material fascinating and am always delighted to see coyotes in my travels. After reading the article however, I was left with the opinion that the article was one sided and missed an opportunity to further the knowledge of this "new" creature by Ontarians. Certain key facts are not mentioned in this article. My understanding is that the greatest threat to Ontario coyotes is not a gun but the disease mange. In addition, I understand that government officials are indicating that this adaptable creature's numbers are not threatened by guns and their range and numbers are actually increasing.

When the author describes the elimination of wolves during pioneer times, we must keep these events in context. Ontario's pioneers had limited food sources and could not afford the destruction of the family milk cow or other livestock by wolves.

When the author mentions the aspects of Ontario farmers making money on coyote-killed livestock, my understanding is there are investigations into these claims. If the investigator determines that the kill was caused by coyotes, the farmer receives market compensation (within certain limits) for the animals. If the animal has breeding value beyond market value, there may be a loss for the farmer. In any event few farmers would view these claims as making money. I also understand that if a baby calf or lamb is killed by coyotes and there is no visible evidence, there is no compensation. Again, not a money maker for a farmer.

This article also fails to mention the death by a Canadian hiker/jogger in Cape Breton which officials indicate was caused by coyotes. In my own neighbourhood, the advance of these hybrid coyotes has pretty much eliminated any sightings of ground hogs. It also seems to me that these larger hybrid coyotes have expanded their prey and have become significant consumers of deer. Being extremely clever these hybrids have been known to prey on new-born fawns and have killed calves as they are being borne. A time when these creatures are particularly vulnerable. Currently my experience with coyotes has been that they have become habituated to human beings. In our local paper there was a warning recently about coyotes as a Lab puppy was taken from its backyard by a coyote and consumed.

I am not a coyote hunter and I try to have an open mind on this subject. I applaud the co-existence with coyotes but also appreciate a fair depiction of a subject that is controversial to some. Look forward to the next issue.

Dave Dorman, Erin

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