

# Red Wolf Gallery

<https://www.redwolfgallery.org/>

# What Is The Gallery?

A website by [Champions for Wildlife](#) to build awareness for Red Wolves

Free Downloads to use for social media posts, reference materials, art projects and many more

Not for commercial use.

We tag the photographer/facility when we use a photo

# Stats: Free Downloads

Total Views (May 2022)	190,000
Total photos/videos in gallery	651
Partner Contributors (SAFE & NGO's)	20
Photographer Contributors	24
Downloads	>1,000

# Some Cool Uses



**SPECIAL ENDANGERED ANIMALS ISSUE**  
COMEBACK CRITTER

## AMERICAN WOLVES

Discover how scientists across the United States are helping these canines expand their territory.

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A cinnamon-colored wolf pads through a swampy corner of eastern North Carolina. As this red wolf searches for tasty rodents, experts track the animal through the orange GPS collar it's wearing around its neck. They need to know where it goes so they can better protect it—and this predator needs lots of protection. The red wolf is the most endangered wolf on Earth.

But this isn't the only kind of wolf living in the United States that needs help. In the past, both gray wolves and Mexican wolves (a subspecies of gray wolf) almost went extinct in the country. But conservationists, scientists, and lawmakers worked together to protect the animals, and today these wolves are returning to their homeland.

"Humans and wolves can coexist," says Giselle Narváez Rivera, an animal ecologist at the International Wolf Center. "Wolves deserve to be here as much as we do."

**PERSONALITY QUIZ** **GORILLA PLUSHIE GIVEAWAY** **BUSY BEAVER**

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**HOW TO HELP AMERICAN WOLVES**

Many people don't know that red wolves exist. Write a school report, draw a poster, or howl to your friends about how cool these creatures are.

Hold a bake sale or work a lemonade stand, then donate your proceeds to an organization that protects wolves.

**GRAY WOLF COMEBACK**

In the 1990s, one population of gray wolves was thriving: those living in the Canadian Rocky Mountains, where they were isolated from hunters.

Scientists from Canada and the United States worked together to capture some of these wolves and release them into Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho. Because the ESA made it illegal to hunt them in the United States, the gray wolf population began to grow.

**NEW ATTITUDE**

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and used guns, traps, poison, and, later, dynamite to kill the animals.

"It's what most people were mad at that time," says John Oakleaf, a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "They wanted all wolves gone."

By the mid-1990s, only a few hundred gray wolves remained in the contiguous United States (that means connected United States; Mexican and red wolves had almost totally disappeared from the planet).

**BIG BAD WOLF?**

In the 15th century, Native Americans shared the land with as many as 500,000 wolves, and the creatures were an important part of their culture. For instance, the Shoshone people of what's now the western United States say that a wolf god created Earth.

But people coming to the Americas from Europe 500 years ago did not want wolves around. They cut down forests where the animals lived to raise cows, pigs, and sheep for food. They thought wolves were dangerous to both humans and livestock,

human behavior—like driving cars or using pesticides—affected the environment. But then people's attitudes changed. They realized that we needed to protect the planet's resources, and that animals like wolves would disappear if things didn't change.

So in the 1970s, red, gray, and Mexican wolves were listed under the U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA). Not only was it now illegal to kill or harm them, but the country also had to come up with plans to save its remaining wolves.

Here are some of the

**A BIRD WOLF IN BROWN FEATHERS WEARS AN ORANGE GPS COLLAR TO HELP TRACK ITS MOVES.**

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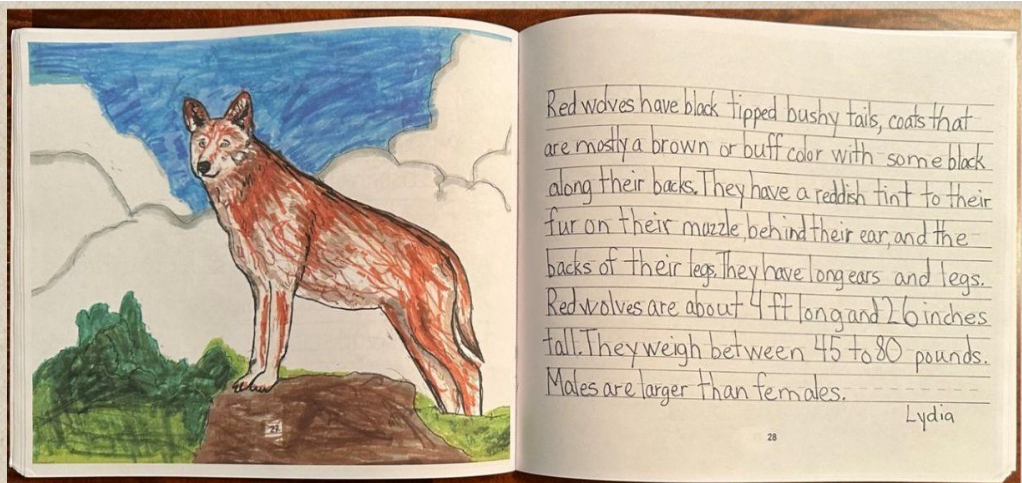
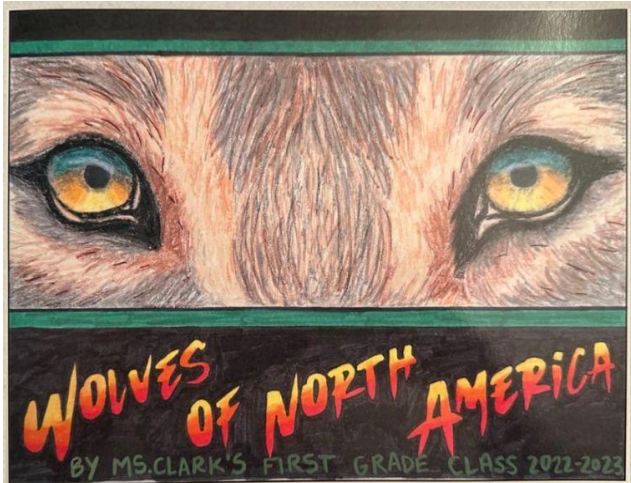
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# A Book by First Graders

## The Red Wolf Section



# Red Wolf Documentary

A 7th grader produced this documentary using photos and videos from the Red Wolf gallery



**Red Wolves by Grace Baglia**

# We need new photos!

Thank you Western NC Nature Center and Woodlands Nature Center for the recent photos! Over 50 new photos have been added recently!

Plus new ones in the wild!

We'd love to have more photos, especially from facilities or photographers who haven't contributed!

You might just end up with your photo on the cover of Nat Geo!

To submit photos/videos, go to <https://www.redwolfgallery.org/> and follow the instructions.

Any problems, reach out to [loti@championsforwildlife.org](mailto:loti@championsforwildlife.org)

We thank you and the Red Wolves thank you!

