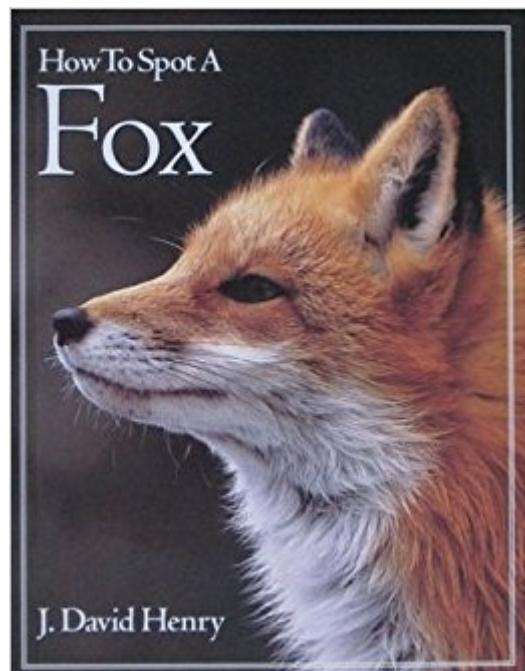


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How To Spot A Fox



Synopsis

In simple, straight forward language, field biologist J. David Henry introduces the weekend naturalist to the tactics that enable professionals to not only get close to the elusive mammal, but to watch it's behavior over long intervals in an unobtrusive manner.

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This is not a comprehensive, scientific discussion about the red fox. It's kind of like a "Little Big Book" for adults. It won't take very long to read, but I guarantee you that you will know a lot more about this interesting animal than you did before you started. Perfect for the weekend naturalist or photographer who wants to get an idea of where to look for foxes, and some insight into what they might be doing when you find them. Also a glimpse at their day to day lives. If you are doing heavy duty research you might want to look further, but if you are just curious, this is the book for you.

Interesting book with great pictures

Excellent information

I got this book out of the library because we currently have four fox kits in our backyard and I wanted to see if I could get them used to my presence enough to photograph them relatively

close-up. This book contains a great wealth of basic fox information that is useful for someone trying to view foxes in the wild--where to look for hair, information about how to differentiate fox tracks from other animal tracks, information about where fox mothers tend to build their dens, information about how foxes hunt and where they like to live. It's a fantastic book if you are trying to figure out if you have foxes around. However, if you already know you have foxes around, there was not a lot of information here that was useful. For instance, I wondered how close I could come to the den without disturbing the foxes--the answer in the book was "it varies, but if you get too close the fox will move and you'll never see them around that den again." I wondered how to acclimate the foxes to my presence: there was about a sentence about how to do that, which could have summed up all wildlife-viewing strategies: be slow and quiet and not loud and don't make a lot of sudden movements, and show up every day and maybe they'll accept you and maybe not. The author doesn't have a firm opinion on blinds/hides for watching wildlife--he says that some people swear by them and other biologists get results without them. The only useful tip I got about actually how to acclimate the local foxes to me was to show up with a small scrap of food only when I first showed up each day, and not to give the foxes any more food than that, but just enough that they got used to the idea that when they first saw a human the human was going to give them something good, but not at any point afterwards (in other words, only feed the fox when you show up). I was hoping for a little more.

I found this to be an excellent book. In fact, in just my first night's reading of a few pages, I learned a lot. I liked it so much I ordered some other nature and wildlife "How To..." books and have been very satisfied with all of them. They are not too wordy, not too academic, they stay interesting and the photography is very good. I had LOTS of "I didn't know THAT" moments.

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