

RED FOX



Description - This small, doglike animal is rusty-red with white **underparts**, chin and **throat**. The ears are **prominent** and the tail is long and bushy with a white tip. Backs of the ears, lower legs and the feet are black. The fox goes through colour phases of black, silver, and mixed.

Distribution - The red fox prefers the edges of forests, tilled fields and near **marshes** but they can be found on farmland, beaches, **prairies**, woodlands and both alpine and arctic tundra. They **thrive** throughout most of British Columbia.

Biology - After a 51-53 day **gestation** period, up to 10 kits are born. Because of its well-developed sense of hearing, sight, and smell the red fox is an efficient and lethal predator; being an omnivore it eats whatever is available including corn, berries, apples, grasses, birds and mammals. The fox has many enemies including coyote, **lynx**, and humans. It is also **susceptible** to rabies

UNDERPARTS-

THROAT-Your throat is the back of your mouth and the top part of the tubes that go down into your stomach and your lungs. (n)

PROMINENT-Something that is prominent is very noticeable or is an important part of something else. (n)

DISTRIBUTION-The distribution of something is how much of it there is in each place or at each time, or how much of it each person has. (n)

MARSH-Marsh is a wet, muddy, area of land. (n)

PRAIRIERS-

THRIVE-If someone or something is thriving, they do well and are successful, healthy, or strong. (v)

GESTATION-Is a process in which babies grow inside their mothers' body before they are born. (n)

LYNX-Is a wild animal similar to a large cat. (n)

SUSCEPTIBLE-If you are susceptible to a disease or injury, you are very likely to be affected by it. (n)