

When does mom coyote bring her pups out? I have never seen a baby one here.

Coyotes (*Canis latrans*) mate from January to March, the average gestation period for a coyote is about 60 days; therefore pups will be born any time from mid March to mid May. Coyote pups are very dependent on their mother for a month or two, suckling for up to 7 weeks and beginning to eat semi-solid (regurgitated) food after about three weeks. The pups will be first seen outside the den at around 3 weeks old; but, they won't stray very far. Their first hunting trips away from the den will be with mom at about three months old.

The family gradually disbands, and by fall the pups are usually hunting alone. Within a year, they go their own way, staking out their own territory, marked with the scent of their urine.

Coyotes have keen senses of smell, vision and are naturally evasive. A mother coyote will do her best to have her pups not be seen by any predators (being really big and scary we are considered predators – or at least dangerous).

My best estimate for when to see a coyote pup would be from early march into mid to late may.