

ANIMALS *of* NORTH AMERICA



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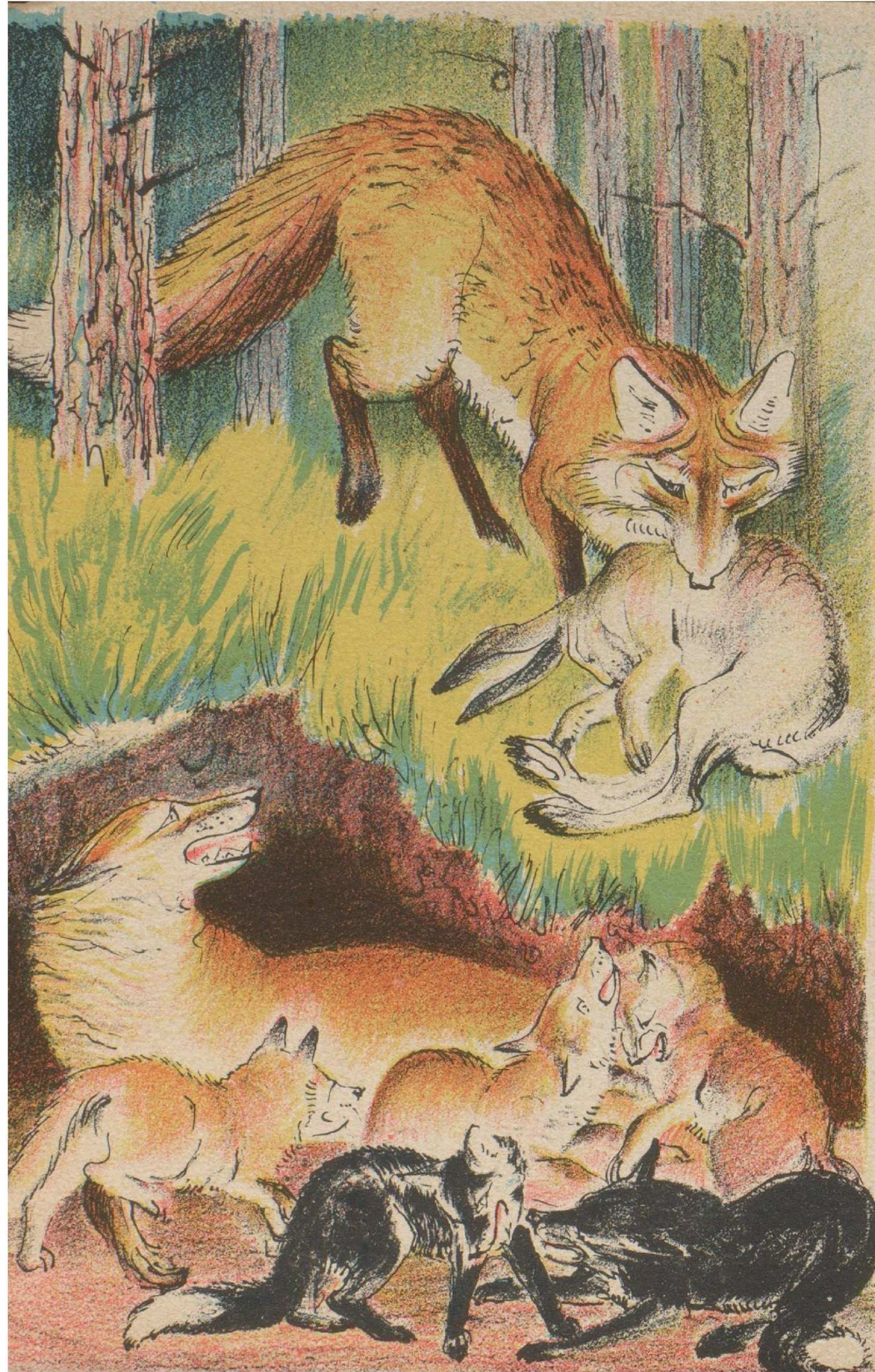
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fare they retire to their dens to sleep. They usually remain snug under the snow until the spring, when the cubs are born. These are tiny, blind and naked at first, and they do not leave the den until they are 6-8 weeks old. Black bears climb trees readily. They are wary of man, but can be easily tamed and are clever at learning tricks.

Black Bear

THIS is a medium sized bear usually black or dark brown, with a paler muzzle, but it may also be cinnamon brown. Black and brown cubs are often found in the same family. These bears live in wooded country, making a den often scooped out by the bole of a tree. They eat berries, fruits, roots, as well as any animal they can kill. They are specially fond of pigs, ants and honey. They mate just before the cold weather comes, and then well fattened on all the good summer



Foxes and Wolves

VARIOUS species of **Red Fox** are found from Alaska, the North Eastern States and Canada to the Carolinas in the South. The Cross Fox, the Blue and the Silver Fox are all colour phases of the same fox. They are bred on fur farms and are very profitable. Foxes like country where there is plenty of cover. They dig a home in a bank or adapt an old rabbit burrow, ranging for miles at night in search of food. The cubs are born in April, 5-9 in a litter, and are cared for by both parents. The dog fox brings home hares, squirrels, poultry or mice, the vixen teaches them how to hunt for themselves, and they live on their own when they are 6-7 months old. Besides man the fox has many enemies, wolves, lynxes, eagles which swoop down on the cubs. It is strong smelling and leaves a ground scent from glands in the feet which easily betrays it. The fox knows this, and it will take to water or roll in dirt to conceal the scent; it is full of clever tricks to outwit victim or foe. Wolves are dog-like and much larger. The **Grey** or **Timber Wolf** is becoming rare except in the far North. It may be grey, white or black. It is a savage and very cunning beast, hunting by day and night, sometimes alone, often in packs. It preys upon horses, cattle and sheep, and will run down deer and antelope. Deer have been known to kill wolves and coyotes with their hoofs. The Coyote or Prairie Wolf, the size of a shepherd dog, is common in many parts of the Western States. It is far less savage and rather cowardly, but it is crafty and very clever in avoiding traps. It will combine to hunt antelopes and hares in relays so as to exhaust the quarry.



MULE DEER

TIMBER WOLVES ABOUT FIVE FEET LONG.

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