**General description**
- Small fox, weighing approximately 5 lbs
- Depend on dens throughout year for protection from predators
- Nocturnal

**Habitat & Range**
- Flat, open, high visibility habitats with short grass and shrubs
- Historically ranged from Canada to Texas
- Currently in Montana North of Milk River, with only a few records of foxes South of Milk River to the Wyoming border

**Human interaction**
- Historically trapped for fur, but minor in today’s market
- Nearly eliminated by mid twentieth century due to predator poisoning campaigns
- Conversion of prairie to agricultural lands also contributed to decline

**Reproduction**
- Pairs form in February, usually mate for life
- Litter sizes generally 2-5 pups
- Rear pups May – August
- Pups disperse August—October

**Territory**
- Territorial
- Home ranges between 5.6 mi$^2$ – 26 mi$^2$
  - Depending on latitude, season and prey availability
  - Home ranges in Canada and Montana are the largest, approximately 26 mi$^2$

**Threats**
- Coyotes and golden eagles are their main predator
- Vehicles are the main source of human-caused mortality