I see a coyote! Now what?

Start here:

IS THE COYOTE APPROACHING YOU?

- **NO** → **IS THE COYOTE RETREATING?**
  - **YES** → This coyote is likely fearful of humans, as it should be. Let it leave the area.
  - **NO** → **DOES IT LOOK SICK?**
    - **YES** → Time to call 311 (512-974-2000) to make a report with a Wildlife Officer.
    - **NO** → Begin to haze the coyote to reinforce its natural fear of humans. Yell loudly, make yourself appear larger, throw things *in its direction*, utilize any available noisy items.
- **YES** → **IS IT DENNING SEASON (MARCH - AUGUST)?**
  - **YES** → The coyote is most likely protecting their den-site and trying to pressure you away from the area.
  - **NO** → **DO YOU HAVE A DOG WITH YOU?**
    - **YES** → Make sure your dog is leashed and close by. If you are with a small dog, pick them up. Do not let your dog give chase. Yell and attempt to haze the coyote. Do not run; slowly back away from the area while still making noise.
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IS IT RESPONDING TO BEING HAZED?

- **YES** → Great! Studies have shown that hazing decreases the frequency of human-coyote conflict.
- **NO** → Find a way to safely leave the area. Do not run, but back away calmly, making noise as you go. Report the incident to 311 (512-974-2000).

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