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REPORT RESULTS OF
COYOTE- FOOD STUDIES

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The laboratory recently established at Denver, Colo., by the Bureau of Biological Survey for carrying on technical studies of the food habits of predatory mammals has just announced the first results of laboratory analyses of the food of 340 coyotes. Such information together with that derived from field studies and experience will be considered in connection with any desirable change in policies for the control of the predators. The facts reported represent 14 western States and all months, ^{though} except April to July inclusive, were ^{scarcely} reported.

The investigators found rabbit remains more frequently than any other kind of food and identified rabbit meat in 161 of the 340 stomachs. Miscellaneous rodents were taken by 119 coyotes and carrion by 103. Items of food next in order of frequency were the various kinds of domestic stock, including sheep or goat, found 63 times; calf, colt, or hog, 10; and poultry, 14 times. Remains of deer were found in 21 stomachs, game birds in 5, and other birds in 23. Twenty-one coyotes had eaten insects. Snakes, horned toads, fishes, and skunks were minor items. Wild fruits had been eaten by 7 coyotes and cultivated fruits by 3.

This record is presented by the Biological Survey without comment as a report of progress. Further reports will be issued as new facts are developed.

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