The Fennec Fox is the smallest species of canid in the world. The Fennec Fox might be small in stature, but their large ears help regulate their body temperature and provide excellent hearing to locate their prey. The Fennec Fox's cream woolly coat provides insulation and camouflage. Fennec Foxes also have thick hair on the soles of their feet providing insulation from the hot desert sand. Since water is scarce in the desert, Fennec Foxes survive mainly on the moisture they gain from their food.

**Diet**

Fennec Foxes are mostly carnivorous. They eat insects, snails, lizards, rodents, birds, eggs, and some fruits and berries.

**In the wild**

Living in the desert in groups of up to ten individuals, the fast and agile Fennec Foxes are most active hunting during the cool of night. Fennec Foxes usually hunt alone and they stalk and pounce quickly to catch their prey. During the day the foxes stay cool in underground burrows. Fennec Foxes can live up to about 10 years of age in the wild.

**Threats**

Threats to the Fennec Fox population include hunting, loss of habitat and the illegal pet trade.

**At Perth Zoo**

The Fennec Foxes can be found in the African Savannah.