

Tourists who come here to kill are not welcome

Arizona Daily Star, http://tucson.com/news/opinion/mailbag/letters-to-the-editor/article_513ee0e3-d2ef-51ab-8fa2-d060095b6141.html

Re: the Feb. 1 article "Hunting convention irks animal advocates."

Few animals more exemplify the ability of wildlife to adapt even as our homes encroach into theirs than a coyote. Maybe that is why they are so often the targets of these kinds of killing contests.

Their ability to survive stands in defiance of our need to bend nature to our will.

As a wildlife rehabilitator, hiker and camper, I, like so many in this community, moved to Southern Arizona to be surrounded by a more untamed place. A place less confining. A wilder place. Coyotes, bobcats and foxes are all a part of that. We teach our children how to share this desert. Not how to kill things for fun.

New Mexico did not want this kind of tourism and neither does Arizona.

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