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Possible red fox with mange spotted on Bear Island

A red fox displaying possible signs of mange was spotted on Bear Island. The Guardians have set up a game camera to verify if the animal has mange, and have also setup a live trap to capture the suspected fox. More live traps have also been ordered for future issues. If you suspect a wild animal has mange, keep your distance from the animal and leave it alone. If the animal poses an immediate threat to public safety and exhibits threatening or aggressive behaviour, call the Bear Island police department at 1-888-310-1122

About mange

Mange is a highly contagious skin disease caused by parasitic mites. It can infect both domestic and wild mammals. There are several different types of mange, each caused by a different mite species.



Sarcoptic mange, caused by the *Sarcoptes scabiei* mite, is one of the most common types of mange. With sarcoptic mange, mites infest the skin of many mammal species, including: red foxes, coyotes, wolves, raccoons, domestic dogs.

The mites burrow through the outer layer of the animal's skin, where they form tunnels and lay eggs. Once the eggs hatch, the newly hatched mites spend their life on a single host animal.

Winter is a difficult time for wildlife infected with mange. Infested wildlife are commonly seen in early winter when they experience increased stress from colder weather and may take increased risks to get food from human sources.

For more information, please follow this link <https://www.ontario.ca/page/sarcoptic-mange>

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