

The Swift Fox - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired

MUSIC: "HINTERLAND WHO'S WHO" THEME

ANNOUNCER: (V.O.):

The swift fox gets its name from its speed.

[Swift fox running in the grass]

No bigger than a house cat, it's been clocked at 60 kilometres an hour.

In the 19th century, the swift fox was common across the short-grass prairie.

[Two swift fox playing]

Today, it is officially extinct in Canada, wiped out by poisoning, trapping, and loss of habitat.

Wildlife agencies are trying to bring the swift fox back.

[Swift foxes drinking water in cages]

By raising swift foxes from the United States in captivity and then releasing them into the wild, they hope to restore this graceful little animal to its rightful place in our natural heritage.

[Swift fox standing up]

For more information on the swift fox, why not contact the Canadian Wildlife Service in Ottawa, K1A 0H3.