

# Swift" Foxes Make Nightly Visit to Reservation Gate For Big Food Spread

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"They sure are pampered pups. Why, they won't touch anything but water, and we have to have their grub cooked a special way by the cook up at Anderson's mess hall!" Thus the genial night ranger at the Boulder Dam reservation gates introduced four bushy-tailed "swift" foxes, to an interested group of onlookers.

Nightly the small desert variety foxes, make a call on the rangers and enjoy their hospitality. So far only four foxes have had the courage to brave the big arc light and the rapid procession of cars on the highway.

"But now they are getting quite friendly," the ranger went on, "they come up on the porch and listen to the radio, and the other night one elderly fox brought me two freshly caught mice to repay me for a glass of beer I'd offered him."

"Some of them are kind of fussy about the food we give them, tho,

one prefers salt on his meat, and another won't touch it unless we sprinkle it generously with pepper. But they all like cake, and we tried them out on grapes, so they eat most everything if it's fixed up a bit."

The ranger believes that there are quite a number of the foxes in the vicinity of the station, who are biding their time before making their social call.

When the foxes first came, several weeks ago, they were half starved. The ones viewed last night, however, have taken on an appearance of prosperity, and showed not the slightest fear of their audience.

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