<u>Kill rates on native ungulates by Mexican gray wolves in Arizona and New Mexico</u> September 2023

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... Mexican gray wolf (Canis lupus baileyi) reintroduction began in 1998 in Arizona, USA, with 11 individuals initially; wolves from this population dispersed into New Mexico ... Elk (Cervus canadensis) composed 94% of the native ungulates documented at Mexican wolf kill sites (n = 139); the remaining 6% were mule deer (Odocoileus hemionus; n = 9). Two-thirds of all wolf-killed native ungulates were elk calves. We estimated kill rates as ungulate biomass killed/wolf/day. From combined results for all years, we estimated that each Mexican wolf killed on average $9.0 \pm 5.4 \, \text{kg}$ ($\pm 95\% \, \text{CI}$) of ungulate biomass per day during winter and $7.8 \pm 6.2 \, \text{kg}$ during the summer...