

How to Be a Good Neighbor to Wildlife

Please Do

- Keep your pet cats inside. They are the #1 killer of wild birds. And feral cat colonies not only threaten birds, but they also disrupt ecosystems and spread disease.
- Secure garbage can lids tightly so animals don't come to your home for food. When wild animals are allowed to feed on human food or garbage, they lose their natural ways—often resulting in their death.
- Call a wildlife rehabber if you see a sick or injured animal. Rehabbers are committed to treating wild animals and eventually releasing them back into the wild.
- Plant native plants. Birds, bees, caterpillars, insects, and butterflies rely on them for food. Your local nursery or native plant society can tell you what plant species are best for your area.



Please Don't

- Don't leave your pet's food dishes outside. You may attract animals that you don't want near your home, like rats.
- Don't reach out to touch a wild animal. Even if it seems friendly, it might bite or scratch you.
- Don't feed wild animals. Animals should never associate humans with food. There's one exception. It's okay to feed birds from a feeder.