

WILDLIFE IN YOUR BACK YARD?

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Most Common Calls we receive are:

Coyotes

Prairie Dogs

Wolf

Snakes

Lizards

Bobcats

Bigfoot

Bees

Elk

Dogs

Bear

Mountain Lion

Bats

Mice

Foxes

Birds

Deer

Predators are mountain lions, black bears, grizzly bears, Mexican wolves, coyotes, foxes and bobcats. Grizzly bears and wolves no longer occur on the Navajo Nation



Most predators are able to take care of themselves in the wild and do not attack livestock or lose their fear of humans in seeking out food

When a predator loses its
fear of humans and
associates humans with
finding food then that
predator needs to be
removed

Do not feed wildlife!

Predators occasionally attack livestock, damage property and crops, and rarely enter homes. There have been no attacks on humans that were not provoked



The Department has policies on how to respond to bear and lion calls so that our dispatcher can inform callers of whether there will be a response or not

Many of the bear calls we get are sightings of bears

The callers want us to remove them because there are elderly or children in the area

We do not move bears just because someone saw a bear nor do we respond to those calls

Most of the wolf, lion, bear,
coyote and fox calls turn out
to be?

Dogs

There are no wolves on the Navajo Nation

There have been 2 instances when the Mexican wolves came up from south and they have left on their own or been removed

We will not allow them to remain on the Navajo Nation

We will respond to a call when livestock has been attacked, property has been invaded or threatened or a bear refuses to leave an area



The only predators that we will relocate are bears that get into orchards in Canyon de Chelly

All other predators are taken out of the population

Relocating problem predators is just moving a problem from one place to another



Most Predators do not cause human conflicts

You should not attempt to deal with predators on your own unless they are in the act of attacking livestock

People have been killed trying to deal with predators on their own

Call Fish and Wildlife Dispatch immediately at

928-871-645

Do not remove any livestock killed they may be used to lure the predator back to be killed or to start tracking dogs from to capture the predator.

A man was shot by his own family members by accident when they waited in the dark for a bear to return to a sheep kill in the Chuska Mountains. They never called us.

A cowboy was bitten by a bear in Canoncito when he decided to try and rope the bear.



Coyotes, foxes and bobcats

We will trap, snare, shoot where livestock are being damaged

Anybody can get a small game permit and kill coyotes, foxes and bobcats on their own

Snakes

We will only respond when we have someone in the area

We cannot respond to snake calls all over

Bees

We do not have a bee keeper

We are not exterminators

Calls are sometimes referred to fire department or bee keeper when we can find one

Prairie Dogs

We can treat with chemicals

We do not just treat prairie dogs anywhere out on the range

Treatments must be associated with a permitted field or in community areas

Larger fields require manpower from the permittees

Alternative Prairie dogs treatment

Small game permit

Prairie Dogs within communities pose a threat of plague

If you have prairie dogs in your yard it is dangerous for you to have cats and dogs that go in and out of the house that your children may play with

That can bring the plague into your home

Bats pose a risk of rabies

They should only be handled with leather gloves

If you are bit by a bat it may not hurt because their teeth are so sharp

We will remove bats from buildings

Bats in buildings usually require some kind of maintenance to the building

Birds

Ravens are federally protected so you cannot shoot them. If they get in your corn field the only thing you can do is use scarecrows

We will remove birds from large buildings when necessary

Deer and Elk

Calls about damage to crops and fences

We will respond and evaluate damages

Most damage to crops calls are during the drought and not verifiable

We will provide assistance with fencing materials if the field is permitted and they have the manpower to install

Problems with wildlife around
your home or field?

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