



Wildlife Branch

## Human-Wildlife Conflict



### Living with Wildlife in Manitoba

Human-wildlife conflicts can occur when people and wildlife compete for resources, wherever you're living, working or pursuing recreational activities.

Native animals are wild animals whether you see them in natural areas or your own backyard. While we are privileged to be able to observe fascinating native animals at such close quarters, living with wildlife has its own special problems.

Wild animals in inappropriate locations can pose significant problems for or threats to humans, other animals, or the environment. They can cause serious damage to crops, livestock and property. They can create hazardous conditions for vehicular traffic. They can expose you and/or your pets to disease and health issues.

Always treat wild animals with caution. Learn to recognize the signs of wildlife presence and/or damage, and understand your options for deterring unwanted visitors on your property.

### CAUTION AROUND WILDLIFE

Some species of wildlife can be dangerous and capable of inflicting serious injury and, in rare instances, even death. Follow some basic principles to avoid and reduce the likelihood of an unpleasant or dangerous encounter.

- Be aware of your surroundings and the species of wildlife you may encounter and exercise extra caution at night, dusk or the early morning.
- Never walk alone in a wooded area.
- Never approach or chase wild animals.
- Supervise children at all times.
- Do not allow your dog to chase wild animals as this may provoke an attack on the dog and yourself.
- Never crowd wildlife even if they do not seem agitated, give them plenty of room to leave the area.
- Do not feed wild animals. [Manitoba regulations now prohibit the feeding of wildlife along provincial roads and highways.](#)
- Carry a walking stick and a noise making device like an air horn or loud whistle.
- Feed pets indoors and keep pet food in a secure place.
- Remove food sources like pet food, garbage and barbeques.

#### If you encounter wildlife:

- Stop
- Make yourself appear larger
- Make noise
- Maintain eye contact
- Back away slowly
- Never run as this may provoke a chase and an attack

If you are concerned about your safety in the presence of wildlife, immediately contact the nearest [Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship office](#); or the local police; or Emergency Services at 911, in most rural locations.