

Our Furry, Feathered and Scaly Friends

The following are some of the more common local animal residents in the county. The recommendations noted for each species can help to maintain a harmonious relationship with them.



Raccoons

These black-masked, dexterous mammals are active mostly at night and eat an extremely wide variety of foods. Raccoons digging in lawns are a common problem in suburban areas. To prevent raccoons from routine visits to your yard, follow the general tips on page 2, particularly regarding grub infestations. In addition, limit access to attics and crawl spaces by screening. If needed:

Wrap metal guards, 18 inches or wider, around tree trunks five or six feet above the ground to keep raccoons from climbing trees to get to roof tops and fruit. Trim bushes and tree branches three feet back from the roofline.

To protect fish in a pond, submerge a wire mesh horizontally around the edge, leaving the center open. Raccoons cannot reach past the wire and will not stand on it because it is unstable. Submerge terra cotta pipes for fish escape cover.