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Detering Wild Animals

The following are humane suggestions for deterring wild animals on your property. If you have any questions, feel free to call and speak to our Wildlife Officer at 626-792-7151 x110.

Simple things to do to discourage wildlife from visiting your yard:

- Never intentionally feed wild animals.
- Take in all pet food and water. Don't leave pet food or water outside, especially at night. Wildlife is attracted to an easy meal.
- Keep pet animals indoors. Don't let your pet become part of the food chain; always bring them inside before dark.
- Secure the lids of your outdoor garbage cans. Put cans out early the morning of garbage pick up.
- Pick up fallen fruit from the ground nightly.
- Pick fruit when it's ripe.
- Cover fruit tree branches with mesh netting and secure the netting to the trunk to exclude hungry animals.
- Fence off or net areas that you wish to protect.
- Clear away woodpiles and brush piles after the winter. Keep vegetation near the house neatly trimmed. This will lessen the opportunity for wild animals to find shelter.
- Close access to crawl spaces, attic, shed and garage spaces. Keep all doors closed at night.
- Shut pet doors at dusk. Skunk, raccoons, opossums or others may follow their nose to the smell of food inside your home.
- Cap or screen off your chimney to keep animals from falling in or building nests in the chimney.

Deterrent Resources

Pigeon and bird deterrents

- [Bird Barrier, Inc.](#) - (310/527-8000)
- Netting
- Birdwire
- Coil
- Daddi Long Legs
- Scare devices

Insect Control

- [The Ladybug Families](#) - (323/913-0148)
- Predatory Nematodes (eats grubs, earth-dwelling insects)
- Ladybugs (eats aphids, white flies, moth eggs, other insects)
- Praying Mantis (eats many insects)
- Lacewings(attacks insects and eggs of aphids, small caterpillars, mites, whitefly, mealybug, etc.)
- Check with your local nursery as well

Grub Control

- [Biocontrol Network](#) - (615)370-9301
- [Home Harvest](#)
- Milky Spore (bacteria that targets grubs)

Both sites have other repellents check for environmentally friendly an non-poisonous options.

Taste Deterrents

- [Biocontrol Network](#) - (615)370-9301
- Hot Pepper Wax (Squirrels, rabbits, temporary deer deterrent - safe for use on edible plants)

Digging deterrents

- Mothballs (or mothball crystals)
- Cayenne pepper
- Hot pepper wax
- Ammonia Soaked rags

Scent deterrents

- Moth balls
- Ammonia
- Garlic
- Pet or human hair

Climbing

- Sheet metal hardware or garden store
- Baffles hardware or garden store

Skunk off

- Pasadena Humane Society and SPCA

Visual deterrents

- Aluminum Foil
- Holographic tape
- Pie plates
- Scarecrow owl, snake
- Light the area

Chimney Caps

- Local hardware stores