



Help keep wildlife wild and healthy. Environmental Health and Safety encourages you to avoid feeding wildlife such as ducks, geese, gulls, raccoons, squirrels or other animal friends on our campuses. One way you can help reduce wildlife conflicts with people is by not feeding wildlife.

EH&S is often called upon to assist with wildlife problems. Feeding wildlife can lead to a number of serious problems:

- Human food is not healthy for wild animals, and they do not need food from humans to survive. Wild animals have specialized diets, and they can become malnourished or die if fed the wrong foods. Also, animals cannot distinguish food from wrappers or foil and can get sick eating these items.
- Feeding leads to public health concerns. Too many animals in one place increases the chance of disease transmission to people and among other wildlife.
- Animals accustomed to people often lose their fear of people and can become aggressive. Those that become too aggressive may have to be captured to protect people and property.
- Birds gathering near or on airports can become victims of bird-aircraft collisions, potentially causing flight delays, damage to aircraft, and loss of human life.
- Animals fed along roads tend to stay near roads, increasing the chance of vehicle-animal accidents.
- Large concentrations of ducks and geese can pollute nearby waterways, backyards and athletic fields. Some waterfowl species drop up to a pound of feces every day!

How You Can Help

Many people enjoy living or working near and watching wildlife. You can help keep animals wild by keeping the following tips in mind.

- Do not encourage wildlife by feeding or leaving food for them.
- Enjoy viewing wildlife at a distance. Respect their space and remember they are wild animals that should stay wild.

We appreciate your commitment to keeping our wildlife at FAU wild and healthy!