

Community Cats and Wildlife

Our goals are the same as bird watchers and wildlife enthusiasts: stabilizing and reducing the number of unowned, outdoor cats. Practicing trap-neuter-return will not only help improve the quality of life for cats, but also minimize the deaths of birds and other wildlife.

How can you protect backyard birds and other wildlife?

- Position feeders 12 feet away from grass and shrubs, which can serve as good ground cover for cats.
- A predator guard (a metal cone with the wide bottom facing down) can be installed on pole-mounted feeders to prevent climbing.
- Hang feeders on wire, strung 8 feet above ground.
- Install a spill tray to prevent food from falling to the ground, which can attract other birds and wildlife.
- Put down a cat-scratch mat, chicken wire, or sharp gravel underneath the feeder.
- Keep cats away from feeders by using motion-activated sprinklers or an ultrasonic machine (cannot be heard by humans).

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