

**New York State Wildlife Management Association  
Providing Problem Animal Solutions For Home Owners and Businesses**



NYSWMA Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2011

The March meeting of the NYSWMA was held 3-12-11 at the Ling Ling Restaurant in North Syracuse. It was attended by Dale Stockton, Vice President, Bob Meakin, treasurer, Berton Mead, Secretary and Price Morris, member. Since a quorum was not present, no business was conducted.

The primary discussion was a review of the Seminar. The general feeling was that it went well with 47 paid attendees. The Friday Brake session was well attended and people seemed well satisfied. Six students attended the Beaver cable restraint certification conducted by the DEC. The General Membership meeting on Friday night was well attended. There was a problem with speaker no-shows and with keeping to schedule on Saturday..

There was also a general discussion of what changes should be made for the 2012 Seminar. Among the suggestions was a presentation on Bats and one on Pricing Services. Suggestions from members for program topics are needed to ensure the Seminar is directed toward member's interests. We are also considering looking for a sponsor to provide the seminar bags in return for placing advertising on the bags. We are also looking for more items for the Auction and additional Vendors

A reservation will be made at the Owego Treadway for the 2012 Seminar. A review of the 2011 attendees showed nearly all came from within 100 miles of Owego.

Other items. A seminar on Feral Hogs is tentatively scheduled for Saturday June 25 in Baldwinsville. There will be more information as plans are developed.

The next meeting is noon April 9, 2011 at the Ling Ling. All members are welcome with the cost of lunch picked up by the Association.

Respectfully submitted

Bert Mead, Secretary

### News

A spike in urban wildlife in New York City is complicating pest control and creating a public health risk not normally faced by city-slickers, a wildlife expert says.

Already this year, six wild [coyotes](#) have been spotted across Manhattan, a significant increase according to The Wildlife Damage Management Program at Cornell University. Scientists have also noted a surge in raccoon, [deer](#) and Canada geese populations. Researchers say that geese and deer populations have been building over the past decade, but the

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spike in urban coyotes in [Manhattan](#) is a relatively recent occurrence.

A spike in urban wildlife such as coyotes poses a serious public health concern because they can transmit rabies, said Paul Curtis, an urban wildlife expert at Cornell University.

"People really don't expect to see coyotes in Manhattan," Curtis told LiveScience. "But coyotes have been in Central Park several times before, and they will be again."

There are many ways for wildlife to commute into Manhattan, said Curtis. The most common is for the coyotes in Westchester County, N.Y. — about 40 miles (65 kilometers) to the north of the city — to follow natural travel corridors such as power lines, train tracks, or greenways into New York City.

Birds are among the most adaptable urban creatures. Migrating [songbirds](#) [love New York parks](#). Canada geese are so prevalent — a flock of them forced the river landing of US Airways flight 1549 last year — that city officials [slaughter geese](#) routinely around the major airports.

Urban wildlife are not confined to Manhattan either. Curtis said coyotes will roam up to 70 miles from home, and they have been spotted in Brooklyn and Queens as well.

The recent spike in coyotes has prompted the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation to begin working on a new policy to handle urban wildlife.

Curtis will discuss New York City's urban wildlife boom, the human-wildlife conflict, and what urban areas can do to control the problem on Tuesday, May 18 at Cornell's ILR Conference Center in New York City.

**Buy sell, & trade:**

Any buy, sell, or trade items to include in the NYSWMA Newsletter; send to Dale.

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### Sites of interest you need to visit, especially the Assembly and Senate

New York State Assembly/Senate web sites

[www.assembly.state.ny.us](http://www.assembly.state.ny.us). [www.senate.state.ny.us](http://www.senate.state.ny.us)

[www.conservewildlife.org](http://www.conservewildlife.org)

### Sites that may be of interest about animal rights activists and the state of their finances

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**We also have a NYS insurance company that will write policies for NWCO's in NY. It's the Skeele Agency, their address is: Skeele Agency Inc. (315) 655-2878 [skeeleagency@skeel.com](mailto:skeeleagency@skeel.com) Mike Skeele is contact person**

### Tip from Tim Julien on spring woodpecker drumming.

The only sure way to stop the woodpeckers from pecking it on the house is to take the siding off the house and lay it on the ground.

Three main reasons they peck at the house are food, shelter, and mating, (territorial drumming). Address these factors, after you find out which is the reason and change it. Everything he does is instinct not reasoning and whatever method you choose has got to break the instinctive acts.

Visuals will distract it and cause it to stop, unless the stimulus is continued it will re start its behavior. Physical things that cause a reaction to his action work for a longer time (spiders that are activated by the actions of the woodpecker and cause a reaction)

If you can get something there early in the activity cycle like Mylar tape, balloons, pie pans...etc they can stop the woodpecker before it is habitulized to the site.

Repairs and fresh paint will stop 90 % of the activity when it is done as the activity is happening. Tim

