

**The City of Rolling Hills Wildlife Preservation Committee Presents**  
**TIPS ON PROTECTING BIRDS AND MINIMIZING PREDATORY IMPACT**  
**ON NATIVE WILDLIFE**

Members of the Rolling Hills Wildlife Preservation Committee have prepared this information to inform residents on methods to reduce the impact of predators on local wildlife and to support the native California Quail restocking efforts and other birds in the City. The information is intended for the personal use of Rolling Hills residents and to provide suggestions for those interested in attracting native birds to their property.

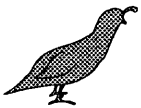
Local predators include opossums, skunks, raccoons, foxes, feral cats, squirrels and an occasional coyote. Domestic dogs and house cats can also rely on their instincts and engage in predatory activity.



**THINGS YOU CAN DO TO DISCOURAGE PREDATORS FROM VISITING YOUR PROPERTY**

- Don't leave pet food out after dark. Although it could be argued that a wild animal feeding from a domestic food source is less likely to hunt, the result of a well fed wild animal is active breeding. This can result in more predators being introduced into the community.
- Don't leave garbage out in the open. An unintended food source attracts predators that also scavenge. Tie or lock down your trash can lids.
- Don't encourage the introduction of feral cats into the community. The degree of feral cat impact on local native birds is unknown. However, according to State of California Department of Fish and Game Biography of Feral, Stray and Free Roaming Domestic Cats in Relation to Wildlife Conservation, "Domestic Cats (*felis catus*) predation is a significant cause of wildlife mortality in many parts of the world. Diseases of domestic cats pose serious threats to native species as well." Feral cats compete for the same food supply other natural predators.

Report sightings of wildlife to City Hall. The Wildlife Preservation Committee maintains a map of reported wildlife sightings in the City Council Chambers. This information identifies trends of local native birds and predators.



**THINGS YOU CAN DO TO ENCOURAGE NATIVE BIRDS TO VISIT YOUR PROPERTY**

As stated before, the Wildlife Preservation Committee assists in the release of native quail, pheasant and other rehabilitated wildlife into the community. To encourage native birds to visit your property, you should consider the following:

- Install a bird feeder.
- Reduce the number of domestic cats and other natural predators (bell your cats).
- Provide a water source.
- Retain natural habitat.

For the following informational flyers please contact City Hall at (310) 377-1521: *Landscaping? Don't Forget the Wildlife?*, *Wildlife Preservation Committee Nature Trail Guide*, *Wildlife Preservation Committee Native Plant Demonstration Garden Guide*, *Raccoons in the City of Rolling Hills*, *Quail and Other Birds in Rolling Hills*, *Peafowl in Rolling Hills* and *Native Plants and Other Hardy Plants Suitable for Rolling Hills Area*