

# Living on the WildSide in CSEII





# OUR BACKYARD

We're not referring to the wild two legged party goers here. No, we are talking about our other neighbors, the ones we have to share our backyards and common areas with. Yes the javelinas, snakes, bob cats, cougars (4 legged variety) and an extensive variety of birds from the delicate humming birds to the extremely aggressive Road Runners and everything in between. We should feel really privileged to have such an abundance of wild life right in our back yards.

We have a lot of visitors that come specifically to watch birds that migrate through Southern Arizona and we just get to watch them for free.; well kind of for free.

While it is a real privilege to have this wild life around us it can pose some real and present danger, and this is part of the reason why we are forwarding this information.

We all want to see the beautiful birds in our back yards and so some of us try to entice them there by feeding them. This can lead to serious unintended consequences and as such we feel it is our duty to inform you of possible unintentional predicaments. We all know that when we feed birds about 50% of the seed falls to the ground. Now this may not have been a problem where you lived before but here in CSEII we begin to feed other unintended wild life. For example, javelinas may come around in large numbers knowing there is a free lunch. Seeing one or two can be entertaining but apparently there have been occasions where over twenty javelina have been seen, this as you can imagine could be a very dangerous situation. Actually since we began



putting this information together we have encountered a pack of 7 of them, as seen in the photo above. Another possible result is that you may also attract Pac Rats, which will in turn attract rattle snakes and so on. This is definitely a situation that we believe most of us would rather avoid. Anyway I am sure you get the picture. One thing can lead to another, so if you are going to feed the birds try and keep it that way by using a catcher below the feeder and of course some common sense.

Other than birds, please do not feed the wildlife. Not only is this unlawful in many places, but it also creates an imbalance with changes to foraging patterns, wildlife interactions, population growth etc. which may cause animals to lose their natural fear of humans. Do not leave dog food outside and only put your trash out on the day of the pick up.

The following links have excellent information, and we would encourage you to explore them.

Thank you for your attention in these matters. This will help keep our neighborhood safer for us all to enjoy.

The following is courtesy of the:

**SouthWest Wildlife Rehabilitation and Educational Foundation**

[I have a rattlesnake in my backyard. What do I do?](#)

Call Fire Department & Snake Removal  
Non-Emergency: **520-629-9200**

[There is a bobcat in my back yard, what do I do?](#)

What attracts bobcats?

There is a coyote in my neighborhood. What do I do?

What attracts coyotes?

I have a Javelina eating my petunias. What can I do?

How do I discourage javelina?

I think my dog/cat was bitten by a rattlesnake. What should I do?

Should I feed wildlife?