

**Wildlife and residents call
Belcarra “home”**



With Belcarra being nestled in a serene park-like forest, it's quite common and expected to see various species of wild-life throughout the municipality.

Recent sightings include:

- ◆ Raccoons
- ◆ Bears
- ◆ Deer
- ◆ Coyotes
- ◆ Bobcats

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**Reducing Wildlife
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Reducing Wildlife and Human Conflict in Belcarra

Easy Steps to Take...



Unfortunately an increased number of wildlife living in what has become urban or residential areas can also lead to increased conflict with the human residents of those areas.

Conflicts between wildlife and residents may include damage to gardens and landscaping, higher incidents relating to wildlife and vehicle collisions, aggressive behavior towards humans and potential transmission of diseases from wildlife to human and/or domestic animals.

The obvious and most effective tactic to alleviate this issue is conflict reduction. Conflict reduction efforts keep wildlife away from susceptible properties, minimize the damage sustained from animals entering the property and reduce overall human/animal conflict.

The following are some easy steps you can take to help reduce wildlife and human conflict:

- ◆ **Thoughtful landscape design and wildlife-resistant plants** - Zero to minimal attractants.
- ◆ **Use repellants and scaring devices** - Auditory, visual or other sensory clues to deter animals from specific areas.
- ◆ **Fencing around problem areas.**
- ◆ **NEVER feed wildlife or leave pet food outside** - Feeding causes wildlife to lose their natural fear of humans, can lead to property damage from unwelcome wild houseguests and can also change behavior pattern amongst wild animals.

While for the most part residents of Belcarra enjoy seeing wildlife cross their paths from time to time, it is important to remember that these animals are indeed WILD and as such, are spontaneous and have the potential for aggressive behavior.

Conflict reduction efforts are the most effective and safest way to ensure a peaceful relationship with our wild neighbours.

