SINCE WILD NEIGHBORS WAS FIRST published, the amount of information on urban wildlife has grown exponentially, particularly with respect to what can be found through the Internet. This is something of a blessing and something of a curse, since information on problem solving is not only much more comprehensive now, but also much more difficult and time-consuming to digest. We list below a few of the many resources available for those interested in finding out more about urban wildlife in general, accessing agencies that deal with wildlife, or learning about the many different approaches and philosophies that exist with respect to this growing area of interest.

The fact that we list resources that do not always subscribe to the humane approach as we see it does not mean that we endorse or condone them. We feel people deserve an opportunity to better educate themselves about some of the alternative ways in which the issues have been considered. Education, even with respect to competing and alternative viewpoints, is still the fundamental and critical basis for the humane approach.

First Stop

General information on The HSUS can be found at our main website: www.humanesociety.org. The urban wildlife program can be located at: www.humanesociety.org/wildneighbors. For information on our Wildlife Land Trust, visit us at: www.wlt.org or call 1-800-729-SAVE.

HSUS Regional Offices

The HSUS’s regional offices are able to assist anyone involved in a wildlife issue that encompasses community concerns or action. With their regional and state-specific staffers, these offices handle animal-related issues ranging from animal abuse to information on local humane societies to wildlife regulations, to help you make the right connections. Look for information on regional programs and issues on www.humanesociety.org by typing “regional office” in the search box.

Reading for Pleasure

In the first edition of Wild Neighbors, we tried to identify some of the more prominent sources and references for urban wildlife-control techniques and strategies. This time we thought we’d recommend some of the popular, nontechnical literature on urban wildlife to give those of you who just want to enjoy reading about this subject some idea of the richness of the resources available. We’ve also added a few offbeat references that have come to our attention since the first edition, including (unknown to us at the time) a book entitled Wild Neighbors that was published in 1899.


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**Newsletters and Periodicals**


The National Wildlife Federation publishes the *Conservation Directory* and *Backyard Habitat Program* newsletter. The Conservation Directory, searchable online at www.nwf.org/conservationdirectory/, is the most comprehensive guide to government, state, and private organizations that deal with conservation issues. The Backyard Wildlife Program of the NWF is a long-standing series of resources that encourages people to enhance the value of their yards for wildlife. Contact NWF at 202-797-6800 or visit www.nwf.org.

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**Federal Agencies**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Pesticide Programs


Cooperative Extension System offices.

This webpage provides links to find USDA Cooperative Extension offices in each U.S. state and territory. www.csrees.usda.gov/Extension/index.html.


Links to U.S. state and territorial wildlife agencies can be found at this page of USFWS's website: www.fws.gov/offices/statelinks.html.
Wildlife Rehabilitation


International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council, San Jose, Calif., 408-271-2685, office@iwrc-online.org, www.iwrc-online.org. The IWRC maintains an international directory of wildlife rehabilitators that can be accessed directly at:


Another site that lists rehabilitators is: www.tc.umn.edu/~devo0028.

Instructions for making a raptor perch can be found at: www.inhs.uiuc.edu/~kenr/birdperchinstruct.html.
APPENDIX B

Retail Sources for Products to Resolve Wildlife Conflicts

This appendix suggests sources for products used in nonlethal wildlife conflict resolution that have been discussed in other sections of this book. No endorsement of specific brands, companies, or product lines by The Humane Society of the United States is implied or intended by inclusion here or reference elsewhere in the book. We suggest where to find products, including names and contact information for providers of some products, that are deemed humane and that can be appropriate in nonlethal animal control under proper circumstances.

Although the list is not complete, we have included suggestions for the types of merchants to check for commonly available products and specific vendors who, at the time of publication, sold less commonly available or specialized products. Since publication of the first edition of Wild Neighbors, Internet-based marketing has expanded significantly to the point that anyone with access to the Internet can readily search for vendors of even the most uncommon and specialized products very quickly.

Exclusion Products

Animal-Resistant Trash Containers

Bungee or Shock Cords
Check for them at home and hardware stores; marine and motorcycle suppliers; or sporting goods suppliers, especially those that sell camping, boating, biking, and climbing equipment.

Containers with Screw-on Lids
A plastic container design to exclude animals such as raccoons or, with modification, larger animals such as bears.

Animal-Resistant Can
www.animalresistantcan.com
800-914-4771

Critter Can (offers do-it-yourself instructions to find materials and make your own, plus link to a vendor selling a finished product)
www.crittercan.org
973-853-BEAR (2327)

Bear-Resistant Containers
Most that claim to be “bear-proof” are sturdy metal containers with latching lids. Plastic containers above and from Bear Saver and UnBearAble Bins, below, are also sold for household trash in bear country.

Bear Proof, Inc.
www.bearproofinc.com
970-309-2460
**Bafflers**

Bafflers to prevent mammals such as raccoons and squirrels from getting into birdfeeders are the most widely varied and widely available products to prevent conflicts with wild animals. Look for bafflers as separate add-ons for your existing feeders or for feeders that incorporate bafflers from any of the many suppliers of feeders; home, garden, or hardware retailers as well as retailers that specialize in bird-feeding products. Bafflers to prevent predators from robbing nests in birdhouses are sold by similar merchants, particularly those who specialize in backyard bird products.

**Bird Wires or Roost Inhibitors**

These physically exclude birds from roosting in places they are unwelcome; include bird wire, bird spikes, bird coils, and similar devices. Small kits are sold by large catalog and Web retailers too numerous to list here who mainly market products for homes and gardens. These retailers specialize in bird control and similar products.

**Bulb Cages and Gopher Baskets**

Premade gopher baskets are sold regionally where burrowers are particularly prevalent. Unfortunately, most retailers who sell these humane prevention products also sell inhumane lethal traps and poisons for the same species. Shop carefully. Premade bulb cages may be found seasonally at bulb-planting time where flower bulbs are sold and from the vendor below. Large catalog and Web retailers who mainly market products for homes and gardens also sometimes offer them.

**Plant Covers**

Look for cloches, row covers, and garden fabric to cover young plants early in the growing season at nurseries, home, and garden suppliers.

**Wire Mesh, Caulking, and Foam Sealants**

A wide variety of caulking and foam sealants are sold by home and hardware retailers. The best wire mesh for excluding animals, made of copper, is a little harder to find but the sources listed offer it. To find it on the Web, try searching by the brand name “Stuf-fit” or by “copper wire mesh.” It is available from some pest-control supply retailers that sell this humane prevention product, along with inhumane lethal traps and poisons. Shop carefully, check these vendors, or contact the manufacturer for information on distributors.
Chimney Caps
Caps are widely available from home and hardware suppliers and from chimney sweeps.

Fencing

Apron or L-Shaped Fences/Barriers
Keystone Steel and Wire Co.
(check website or call for distributor)
www.redbrand.com
800-447-6444

Louis E. Page
www.louispage.com
800-225-0508

Coyote Roller
Roll Guard, Inc.
www.coyoteroller.com
619-258-2600

Light-to Medium-duty Fencing
Sold mainly as deer fencing in a variety of gauges and sizes, it is widely available from garden suppliers and nurseries as well as these vendors.

Benner’s Gardens
www.bennersgardens.com
800-244-3337

Deer-Resistant Landscape Nursery
www.deerresistentplants.com
800-595-3650

Gardener’s Supply Company
www.gardeners.com
888-833-1412

Kencove Farm Fence, Inc.
www.kencove.com
800-536-2683

Keystone Steel and Wire Co.
(check website or call for distributor)
www.redbrand.com
800-447-6444

Louis E. Page
www.louispage.com
800-225-0508

High-tensile Nonelectric Fencing
This staple of agricultural fencing that uses either multiple smooth wires or woven wire installed under tension to make a strong barrier for large animals is widely available from farm suppliers, including these.

Kencove Farm Fence, Inc.
www.kencove.com
800-536-2683

Keystone Steel and Wire Co.
(check website or call for distributor)
www.redbrand.com
800-447-6444

Max-Flex Fence Systems
www.maxflex.com
800-356-5458

Hardware Cloth and Welded Wire
These staples of home maintenance and do-it-yourself projects are readily available from just about any hardware and home improvement retailer.

Netting
This versatile product is widely available from home and garden supply retailers and nurseries, especially during the planting and growing season, and from specialized retailers of bird and deer-control products and backyard pond products year-round.

One-way Doors (Animal Excluders)
These are modified from live-trap designs and, therefore, are sold by trap retailers. They can be found from some pest-control supply retailers that sell this humane product, along with inhumane lethal traps and poisons.
Shop carefully. Here are two retailers that offer excluders.

Pet Warehouse Superstore  
www.petsafe-warehouse.com  
407-349-2525

Tomahawk Live Trap Company  
www.livetrap.com  
800-272-8727

**Vent Covers**

These covers are readily available from stores, catalogs, and Web retailers that sell products for homes.

**Tree Protectors**

These are sometimes sold by garden suppliers and nurseries, particularly during planting season. This specialty vendor offers them to the public.

Treessentials Company  
www.treessentials.com  
800-248-8239

**Window Well Covers**

Find these at home and hardware suppliers for do-it-yourselfers or have a window contractor install.

**Aversive Conditioning**

**Acoustical Alarms**

Shop carefully to distinguish between these effective alarms and similar-looking ultrasonic products, discussed in chapter 8, often marketed with very similar claims. Look for alarms by searching the Web for the brand name Critter Gitter, check home improvement and pet retailers, or check these.

Amtek  
www.amtekpet.com  
800-762-7618

Margo Supplies, Ltd.  
www.margosupplies.com  
403-652-1932

**Bird Distress Calls**

Bird Barrier America  
www.birdbarrier.com  
800-503-5444

Birdbusters  
www.birdbusters.com  
800-662-4737

Bird Guard  
www.birdguard.com  
800-331-2973

Bird-X, Inc.  
www.bird-x.com  
800-662-5021

Margo Supplies, Ltd.  
www.margosupplies.com  
403-652-1932

Nixalite of America  
www.nixilite.com  
888-624-1189

Pet Warehouse Superstore  
www.petsafe-warehouse.com  
407-349-2525

Reed-Joseph International  
www.reed-joseph.com  
800-647-5554

**Effigies, Scarecrows, and Kites**

Simple, stationary effigies and scarecrows (those least likely to work) are sold by many vendors, too numerous to list here.

**Electric Shock**

**Electric Fencing**

High-tensile fences are frequently electrified to exclude large wildlife species, especially deer, but also bear and predators. They are widely available from farm suppliers, including these.
Electric Shock Deer Posts
A set of posts sold by numerous nurseries and garden suppliers, including these, eliminates the fence wires entirely.

Gardener’s Supply Company
www.gardeners.com
888-833-1412

Wireless Deer Fence
www.wirelessdeerfence.com
866-GOT-DEER (468-3337)

Electric Shock Track or Wires for Birds
These electrified tracks can be installed professionally, similar to nonelectrified bird wires.

Bird Barrier America
www.birdbarrier.com
800-503-5444

Bird B Gone
www.birdbgone.com
800-392-6915

Birdbusters
www.birdbusters.com
800-662-4737

Scare Balloons
This standby for deterring unwelcome wild animals is widely available from home, hardware, and garden retailers, and from the vendors listed for other bird-related products in this appendix.

Scare Tape
This standby product is also widely available from home, hardware, and garden retailers, and from the vendors listed for other bird-related products in this appendix.

Sprinklers
Motion-activated sprinklers are sold by many home, hardware, and garden retailers as well as these vendors.

Bird B Gone
www.birdbgone.com
800-392-6915
Some acoustical alarms (above) incorporate strobes. Inexpensive strobe lights are sold by many home gadget retailers. The vendors listed below sell larger, more expensive units for either roosting birds or squirrels in attics.

**Strobe Lights**

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**Lights and Lasers**

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**Lasers**

Use only lasers made and sold specifically for bird harassment to scare some bird species, including geese and crows, from night roosting areas.

**Chemical Repellents**

Repellents, especially deer repellents, are very widely available from garden supplies stores, plant nurseries, home and hardware stores, catalogs, and Web retailers. Repellent vendors are so numerous that listing them would make a book in itself. Shop carefully to distinguish predator urine (discussed in chapter 6) from other products, since they are frequently sold together with similar labeling and marketing claims. Listed here are sources for a few repellents that are harder to find.

**Anthraquinone Goose Repellent**

SePRO Corporation
(check website or call for referral to local applicator)
www.flightcontrol.com
877-554-3373

**Methyl Anthranilate Bird Repellent for Fogging**

While many vendors of bird-control products sell the repellent alone, this vendor offers both the repellent and the fogging equipment.

**Nixalite of America**

www.nixilite.com
888-624-1189
Population Control

OvoControl Bird Contraceptive
As of 2007 this product was registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Canada geese and pigeons. Registration was being sought for other birds and likely will be in place shortly. Contact the vendor for specific, up-to-date information.

Innolytics, LLC
www.hatchcontrol.com
858-759-8012

Live Traps
As discussed in chapter 6, trapping and relocating is often a poor choice and should be considered as a last resort in most situations. In the rare instances when live trapping is necessary, numerous suppliers offer traps in ranges of sizes for different-size species. In particular, and perhaps a sign of a positive trend, many retailers now offer live mouse traps. Look for them at home and hardware stores or on the Internet, shopping carefully to avoid vendors of inhumane traps. Here are a few vendors of multiple sizes of traps as well as sources for the harder-to-find live beaver traps.

Beaver Traps
Margo Supplies, Ltd.
www.margosupplies.com
403-652-1932

Tomahawk Live Trap Company
www.livetrap.com
800-272-8727

Multiple-species Traps
Sold in a Range of Sizes
Animal Care Equipment and Services (ACES)
www.animal-care.com
800-338-2237
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