

## Wildlife Damage Management Outreach and Research Activities, NYS IPM Program, 2012 & 2013

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The management of wild vertebrates in pest situations is an increasing concern. NYS IPM Program staff was involved in numerous activities in 2012 and 2013.

### Educational presentations:

| Date     | Title and type of presentation   | Location (town/county — if multi-county, list county location first)* | Audience (growers, school staff, etc.)          | # people       |
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| 2/9/12   | Management of Human-Bird Conflicts (Rochester Birding Association meeting)                                     | Brighton/Monroe   | Bird watchers                                   | 35             |
| 3/1/12   | Wildlife Damage Management (Wildlife Management Class, FLCC)   | Canandaigua/Ontario   | College students                                | 13             |
| 4/17/12  | Bats of NYS; White Nose Syndrome (Pittsford Garden Club meeting)   | Pittsford/Monroe  | Gardeners                                       | 15             |
| 9/15/13  | Box trapping (Fall Field Meeting of the NY Chapter of The Wildlife Society)                                    | Fabius/Onondaga   | College students                                | 50             |
| 9/24/13  | Bats of NYS; White Nose Syndrome (Spencerport Garden Club meeting)   | Spencerport/Monroe  | Home owners                                     | 20             |
| 10/18/13 | Wildlife Damage Management (Wildlife Management Class, FLCC)   | Canandaigua/Ontario   | College students                                | 12             |
| 10/29/13 | Bats of NYS; White Nose Syndrome (CCE of Monroe Co. special talk)  | Rochester/Monroe  | Master Gardeners                                | 20             |
| 12/13/13 | Birds and Bats: Pest Management Tips for the Educational Environment (Facility Masters webinar)                | National webinar  | School and college facilities staff             | 400 registered |
| 2/5/13   | Bird Management in and Around Food Facilities (Food Processing Sanitation & Pest Management Workshop, PMEP)    | Henrietta/Monroe  | Food facility managers & pest control operators | 100            |
| 2/5/13   | Hantavirus, What is it? How do I Protect Myself? (Food Processing Sanitation & Pest Management Workshop, PMEP) | Henrietta/Monroe  | Food facility managers & pest control operators | 100            |
| 2/21/13  | Bats and Misc. Pest Animals (30 hr. pesticide applicator training course. CCE of Clinton Co.)                  | Plattsburgh/Clinton   | Pest control operators                          | 22             |
| 3/26/13  | Wildlife Damage Management (FLCC Wildlife Management class)  | Canandaigua/Ontario   | College students                                | 16             |
| 5/7/13   | Dealing with Critters on Your Course (Finger Lakes Association of Golf Course Superintendents)                 | Ontario/Wayne   | Golf course superintendents                     | 20             |
| 10/17/13 | Wildlife damage management (FLCC   | Canandaigua/Ontario   | College students                                | 11             |

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|          | wildlife management class)                        |            |  |    |
| 10/24/13 | Bird control at food facilities (Pest World 2013) | Phoenix/AZ | Structural pest management professionals | 50 |

Writing projects:

- Developing Modules for Wildlife Damage Management Training for Master Gardener Volunteers; funded by a NYS Community IPM Grant to Paul Curtis, Cornell's Department of Natural Resources.
- Lynn Braband. senior author of chapters on House Sparrows and Rock Pigeons in the next edition of *Prevention and Control of Wildlife Damage*, University of Nebraska.
- Lynn Braband, 2013. "State Wildlife Agency Administrators Talk about Nuisance Wildlife". *Wildlife Control Technology* Vol. 20, No. 4, pp. 32, 33.

Other:

I was contacted by Betsy Burgeson, CCE of Chautauqua Co., about an interesting bat situation at Chautauqua Institution. The Institution has a large and historic amphitheater that they are preparing to restore. They are concerned about impacts on bats that summer there. On February 8, Betsy, Paul Curtis, and I met on-site with the Institution's architect, historian, and a local bat advocate. We discussed needs and possibilities. Paul and I applied (unsuccessfully) for a NE RIPM grant entitled "Reducing Risks Associated with Renovation of Bat-Inhabited Structures". In mid-June, John Hermanson, bat expert with the Cornell Vet. College, visited Chautauqua and felt that most bats were using nearby residences rather than the amphitheater. CCE of Chautauqua Co. Master Gardeners plan to do bat watches. With input from Paul Curtis, I developed protocols for them.

NYS IPM Program staff facilitated connections between the NYS Wildlife Management Association and CCE of Albany County that resulted in a nuisance goose workshop.

Participated in the National Goose Management; (Nuisance) Goose Training Workshop, June 18 & 19, 2012, Indianapolis.

Made a site visit to the Geneva City School District concerning a woodchuck problem.

Reviewed a Pest Press newsletter article on skunk control. Interviewed for a feral cat article in a School IPM 2015 newsletter. Provided feedback on a draft of the IPM Institute's Pest Press fact sheet on Canada Geese.

Made site visits to two food processing plants to provide input on controlling bird problems, 2013.