



Summer ACTIVITY #2 WildSafeBC

Attractant Action Challenge

your mission

For the last activity, you searched for wildlife attractants in your backyard and around your neighbourhood. Remember, wildlife attractants are unnatural foods like garbage and birdseed that are only found near people. When wildlife is attracted to these foods, it often results in human-wildlife conflict. This sort of conflict can be dangerous for us and is very often deadly for the wildlife.

Luckily, we can do something about it! Most human-wildlife conflict can be prevented through responsible attractant management. This means locking attractants up inside a building or doing your best to keep attractants out of wildlife's reach. This month, you will be challenged to manage your own backyard attractants!

Your mission is to search your backyard and identify one wildlife attractant. (think - birdfeeder, garbage, compost pile, a barbeque, pet food, fruit trees, etc...)

Your task is then to complete the worksheet on the following page, identifying possible ways to "manage" the attractant. Managing an attractant can mean moving it into a locked building (e.g. locking garbage in a garage or picking apples and bringing them inside) OR it can mean finding a way to reduce smells (e.g. freezing smelly garbage items until garbage day). You will then need to work with your family to identify the best solution and put it into action!

what you will need

- A printed copy of this Activity Guide
- Pencil or pen
- A clipboard or hard surface to write on
- Your family's participation

fun facts!

A Black Bear can smell food from over a kilometer away! This sense of smell is greater than that of a dog and helps bears find food at great distances.

Deer have a four chambered stomach, making them ruminants. This allows deer to digest complex carbohydrates that other mammals cannot. That means that deer can consume almost all vegetation as a food source.

Safety first! Get your family involved in this challenge- do not attempt to manage backyard attractants without checking with a parent!

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Junior Ranger Name: _____

Home Town: _____ Date: _____

1. Identify and describe a wildlife attractant in your own backyard. If your yard is 100% attractant free, ask a grandparent or other family member if you can check their yard!

2. Check ALL of the wildlife species that might be attracted to your attractant:

black bear grizzly bear Coyote Cougar bobcat raccoon

Skunk rat Mouse deer elk other: _____

3. Describe at least two solutions for keeping this attractant out of reach.
(Hint: Check out www.wildsafebc.com for some helpful tips)



*Discuss the issue and the possible solutions with your family.
Work together to choose the solution that will work best for you.*



4. Describe the action you took to manage this attractant.

*Congratulations! You have taken action to manage backyard attractants and
reduce human-wildlife conflict in your neighbourhood!*

Thanks for helping keep wildlife wild and your community safe.

BONUS! Send us a picture that shows you managing your attractant!

**When you're done, take a photo or scan this page and submit it to jrp@wildsafebc.com (ask a parent to help!)*