

WILDLIFE ON AND OFF-CAMPUS

The University of Regina campus is home to wide variety of wildlife. We must be respectful to the animals that call Wascana Creek home. Use caution and do not attempt to get close to, feed, or disrupt wildlife on or off-campus under any circumstance.

Canadian Geese

Canadian geese are protected under the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994. This provides protection and conservation, and prohibits people from harming birds. We are currently in nesting season, which means geese will have a heightened protective instinct to care for their nests. Be aware of your surroundings when outdoors. If you happen to encounter a goose, watch for an open mouth, hissing, and arched neck – simply back away and carry on.

Geese also pose a traffic hazard. With earlier sunlight and change in the angle of the sunrise, be aware when you are driving. Accidents with geese occur because drivers try to suddenly stop or swerve to avoid contact. Slow down, and give the bird time to make its way across the road.

Our feathered friends also pose a hazard to our safety due to their feces. Feces can make sidewalks and other foot-traffic areas slippery and cause injuries related to falls.

Coyotes

In mid-April, a coyote was reported to have been inside the Dr. Lloyd Barber Academic Green. Coyotes have been known to attack humans, but the risks are minimal and these incidents can be prevented through human behavior.

- Do not feed coyotes.
- Do not run from a coyote. If you are approached, wave your arms and yell. If a coyote appears to have territorial intentions, it may have a pup nearby. Pups are typically present mid-March through May.
- Report aggressive and fearless coyotes immediately to Campus Security.

The University of Regina is committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of all its community members, as well as to the provision of a safe and healthy work and study environment.