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Behaviour and Management of Urban Wildlife

Message from the Guest Editors

Urbanisation is occurring at an increasing rate. This poses a challenge for some wildlife species, which are simply unable to persist in urban landscapes. Others are better adapted to urban living and may even begin to thrive as urban areas expand. Urban-adaptor species continue to adjust their behavior to suit urban life through some combination of learned responses (behavioural flexibility) and genetic adaptation (microevolutionary change). These changes bring streetsmart wildlife in contact with essentially urban citizens, often creating conflict. Undesirable behaviours include noise, fouling, road-kill, and attacks on pets and people. A solid understanding of the biological basis for these responses is essential if we are to manage wildlife in urban settings. Original manuscripts that address these issues are invited for this Special Issue, especially those that explore (1) behavioural adaptation to urban environnments, and (2) understanding the biological basis of behaviour in order to manage urban wildlife.

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