

COMMUNITY SURVEY ON FERAL DEER EXPERIENCE

The information from this survey will be used to aid feral deer management projects.

Please provide your name and contact details. Not obligatory.

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Other

What is your age?

- Below 18
- 18-24
- 25-39
- 40-54
- 55-69
- Above 70

Where is your property? Not obligatory.

How long have you lived at your current residence?

- 0-2 years
- 2-5 years
- 5-10 years
- More than 10 years

Which best describes the property on which you live?

- Half acre or less
- Between 0.6 and 1.5 acres
- Between 1.6 and 3 acres
- Between 3.1 and 5 acres
- Between 5-10 acres
- Between 11-20 acres
- More than 20 acres

On average how often do you see deer on your property?

0 deer 1-5 deer 6-10 deer 11-20 deer 21-30 deer 31+ deer

Daily

Weekly

Monthly

Yearly

On average how often do you see deer in your neighbourhood?

0 deer 1-5 deer 6-10 deer 11-20 deer 21-30 deer 31+ deer

Daily

Weekly

Monthly

Yearly

Which of the following statement best expresses your opinion about the number of deer in your neighbourhood?

- The number of deer is just about right
- There are too many deer
- There are not enough deer
- I have no opinion about the number of deer
- None of the above. Please explain.

What environments do you see deer in your community? Please describe.

Please indicate how concerned you are with the following

	Not concerned	Slightly concerned	Moderately concerned	Very concerned
Deer-vehicle collisions				
Deer damage to ornamental gardens				
Deer damage to vegetable gardens				
Deer health and wellbeing				
Deer aggression				
Transmission of disease				
Deer damage to crops				
Deer damage to pasture				
Deer damage to plantations				
Deer damage to biodiversity and the ecosystem				
Other. Please explain.				

In the last three years, have you experienced any of the following deer damage to your property? If so, please indicate the degree of the damage.

	None	Minimal	Moderate	Severe
Shrubs/trees				
Fruit-bearing trees				
Flowers and ornamentals				
Vegetables				
Crops				
Pasture				
Plantations				
Other. Please explain.				

In the last three years, have you used any of the following methods to protect your property from deer damage? Check all that apply.

- Fencing, netting or screening
- Deer-resistance plants
- Repellents
- Scare-devices (motion-sensor lights, sprinklers, etc.)
- Hunting by family, friends, staff or volunteers
- Hunting by contractors
- Hunting by commercial harvestors
- Collaborated in a community deer control program
- I have not used any methods to protect my property from deer damage
- Other – please explain.

Approximately how much money have you spent over the last three years to address deer damage on your property?

- \$0
- \$1-100
- \$101-500
- \$501-1000
- \$1001-2000
- \$2001-3000
- \$3001-4000
- \$4001 or more
- other, specify

In the last three years, were you involved in a deer-vehicle collision or near miss?

What would you consider to be evidence of a successful deer management program?

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- Fewer deer
- Reduced number of deer-vehicle collisions
- Decreased ecosystem damage
- Reduced number of deer in the community
- Reduced loss of garden food
- Reduced loss of ornamental landscaping
- Reduced number of resident complaints
- Reduced crop damage
- Reduced pasture damage
- Reduced plantation damage
- No management needed
- Other. Please explain.

What approach to deer management do you prefer?

Strongly
oppose

Oppose

Neutral

Support

Strongly
support

Do nothing

Public education

Deer-resistant plants

Fencing

Repellents, scaring devices

Trap and euthanize

Recreational hunting

Contract shooting

Commercial harvester

Aerial culling

Community-led coordinated deer
control across all properties in the area.

Use of carcasses

Baiting (no bait currently registered)

Sterilisation

Other. Please specify

Any other comments? E.g., what is your personal experience with deer?