

# Living With Wildlife: HAWKS & OWLS



## ISSUE - KILLING DOMESTIC BIRDS SUCH AS CHICKENS

**Note:** Raptors that prey on chickens are often young birds seeking easy food because they lack the experience to catch wild birds.

### Suggestions:

- Keep domestic birds in a secure enclosure with a roof made of tightly stretched, visible netting.
- Change your routine, as predators quickly learn feeding times and chickens may become less wary during these periods.
- Stretch highly visible flutter tape back and forth across the top of the chicken enclosure.
- Use scare devices, such as increased human activity (e.g., yelling and clapping), or construct a wooden clapper that makes sharp, loud noises.
- Install a “hawk globe” (a round mirror designed to scare hawks) in the normal flight path of the hawk. The hawk will see their reflection and avoid returning to that area.



## ISSUE - KILLING SONGBIRDS AT FEEDERS

**Note:** Backyard feeders attract songbirds to a concentrated area, which attract predators.

### Suggestions:

- Place feeders so songbirds can get to cover quickly.
- Plant more trees, shrubs, and thickets. Leave brush piles as cover for small songbirds.
- Remove your feeder for a few days to break the habits of a persistent hawk or other bird of prey.