



Types of Problems: Wildlife Entering and/or Damaging Homes¹

Several wildlife species can cause problems by either entering and/or damaging our homes. Most often, these problems are related to animals trying to find dark, secluded places to nest. By using Table 1, it is possible

to provide a caller with a list of "suspects" based on the types of problems experienced. Suggestions for preventing further problems can be found under the entry for each species.

Table 1. Type of problem caused by wildlife entering and/or damaging homes

WILDLIFE	Damaging		Entering				
	Screens	Holes in siding	Under house	In house	In attic	In chimney	On outside ledge
Bats					X	X	
Opossums	X				X		
Owls					X		
Pigeons					X		X
Raccoons	X		X		X	X	
Rodents	X	X	X	X	X		
Snakes			X	X	X		
Sparrows, House					X		
Squirrels	X	X		X	X		
Starlings	X				X		X
Swifts, Chimney						X	
Wrens, Carolina				X	X		
Woodpeckers		X					

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