

Fish and Wildlife
BEAR ACTIVITY REPORT

May 20 - Jun 21 Period

		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>% Change</u>
NOTE: This report contains sightings and complaints reported to DEP and does not include incidents handled by police departments without DEP assistance.		11	14	-21.43%
Summary	Total:	198	365	-45.75%
	Sightings:	78	157	-50.32%
	Damage & Nuisance:	120	208	-42.31%

Category I		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	AGRICULTURE	1	2	
	ATTEMPTED HOME ENTRY	0	1	
	UNPROVOKED DOG ATTACK	1	1	
	HUMAN ATTACK	0	0	
	HOME ENTRY	0	2	
	LIVESTOCK KILL (Prior to 2016) *	*	*	
	PROTECTED LIVESTOCK (New)	0	0	
	PROPERTY DAMAGE	1	0	
	PROTECTED HIVE	2	0	
	RABBIT ATTACK (Prior to 2016) *	*	*	
	AGGRESSIVE	1	4	
	TENT ENTRY	1	2	
	VEHICLE ENTRY	0	1	
		<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>-46.15%</u>

Category II		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	
	CAMP SITE	0	0	
	PROVOKED DOG ATTACK	0	0	
	GARBAGE	27	56	
	NUISANCE	28	51	
	PROPERTY DAMAGE	2	3	
	UNPROTECTED LIVESTOCK (New)	3	6	
	UNPROTECTED HIVE ***	3	0	
	OTHER	0	0	
		<u>63</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>-45.69%</u>

Category III		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	
	BIRD FEEDER	5	9	
	FOUND DEAD	0	0	
	INJURED BEAR	9	27	
	ILLEGAL KILL	0	0	
	OTHER	23	23	
	SIGHTING	78	157	
	URBAN BEAR	1	0	
	VEHICLE STRIKE	11	19	
		<u>127</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>-45.96%</u>

* Incident type total now divided between protected and unprotected livestock

** New Incident Type in 2016

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Overall Incidents			
Number of Counties: 14	2025	2024	% Change
Bergen	14	19	
Burlington		1	
Essex	9	48	
Hunterdon	15	38	
Mercer	15	1	
Middlesex	8	18	
Monmouth		1	
Morris	34	60	
Ocean		1	
Passaic	11	17	
Somerset	6	9	
Sussex	55	101	
Union	5	5	
Warren	26	46	
Total	198	365	-45.75%

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