

**Fish and Wildlife**  
**BEAR ACTIVITY REPORT**

*Jan 1 - Dec 31 Period*

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</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.		20	20	0.00%
Summary	<b>Total:</b>	1377	2214	-37.80%
	<b>Sightings:</b>	276	460	-40.00%
	<b>Damage &amp; Nuisance:</b>	1,101	1,754	-37.23%
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Category I		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	AGRICULTURE	28	52	
	ATTEMPTED HOME ENTRY	11	15	
	UNPROVOKED DOG ATTACK	1	6	
	HUMAN ATTACK	1	2	
	HOME ENTRY	13	13	
	LIVESTOCK KILL (Prior to 2016) *	*	*	
	PROTECTED LIVESTOCK (New)	7	63	
	PROPERTY DAMAGE	11	5	
	PROTECTED HIVE	10	7	
	RABBIT ATTACK (Prior to 2016) *	*	*	
	AGGRESSIVE	38	66	
	TENT ENTRY	1	0	
	VEHICLE ENTRY	0	5	
		<u>121</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>-48.29%</u>
Category II		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	
	CAMP SITE	0	0	
	PROVOKED DOG ATTACK	8	8	
	GARBAGE	242	388	
	NUISANCE	212	524	
	PROPERTY DAMAGE	78	91	
	UNPROTECTED LIVESTOCK (New)	38	6	
	UNPROTECTED HIVE ***	17	4	
	OTHER	0	0	
		<u>595</u>	<u>1021</u>	<u>-41.72%</u>
Category III		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	
	BIRD FEEDER	27	30	
	FOUND DEAD	8	8	
	INJURED BEAR	112	107	
	ILLEGAL KILL	4	3	
	OTHER	114	176	
	SIGHTING	276	460	
	URBAN BEAR	1	7	
	VEHICLE STRIKE	109	151	
		<u>651</u>	<u>942</u>	<u>-30.89%</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: 21	2023	2022	% Change
Atlantic	3	1	
Bergen	46	74	
Burlington	12	16	
Camden		1	
Cape May	1	1	
Cumberland	5	6	
Essex	2	18	
Gloucester	2	3	
Hunterdon	126	148	
Mercer	16	22	
Middlesex	9	18	
Monmouth	10	23	
Morris	274	475	
Ocean	19	16	
Out Of State	2		
Passaic	65	207	
Salem	2	4	
Somerset	61	82	
Sussex	478	772	
Union	10	16	
Warren	234	311	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>2,214</b>	<b>-37.80%</b>

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