

Fish and Wildlife
BEAR ACTIVITY REPORT

Jan 1 - Dec 31 Period

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</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.		18	20	-10.00%
Summary	Total:	1779	1368	30.04%
	Sightings:	503	277	81.59%
	Damage & Nuisance:	1,276	1,091	16.96%

Category I	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>% Change</u>
AGRICULTURE	38	28	
ATTEMPTED HOME ENTRY	10	11	
UNPROVOKED DOG ATTACK	4	1	
HUMAN ATTACK	0	1	
HOME ENTRY	21	13	
LIVESTOCK KILL (Prior to 2016) *	*	*	
PROTECTED LIVESTOCK (New)	8	7	
PROPERTY DAMAGE	7	11	
PROTECTED HIVE	5	10	
RABBIT ATTACK (Prior to 2016) *	*	*	
AGGRESSIVE	40	38	
TENT ENTRY	3	1	
VEHICLE ENTRY	11	0	
	147	121	21.49%

Category II	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
CAMP SITE	0	0	
PROVOKED DOG ATTACK	3	8	
GARBAGE	359	241	
NUISANCE	229	212	
PROPERTY DAMAGE	41	78	
UNPROTECTED LIVESTOCK (New)	50	37	
UNPROTECTED HIVE ***	2	17	
OTHER	0	0	
	684	593	15.35%

Category III	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
BIRD FEEDER	47	27	
FOUND DEAD	4	8	
INJURED BEAR	88	112	
ILLEGAL KILL	1	4	
OTHER	161	108	
SIGHTING	503	277	
URBAN BEAR	3	1	
VEHICLE STRIKE	120	107	
	927	644	43.94%

* Incident type total now divided between protected and unprotected livestock

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Overall Incidents			
Number of Counties: 21	2024	2023	% Change
Atlantic		3	
Bergen	64	46	
Burlington	2	12	
Camden	4		
Cape May		1	
Cumberland	1	5	
Essex	81	2	
Gloucester		2	
Hunterdon	106	124	
Mercer	49	16	
Middlesex	26	9	
Monmouth	4	10	
Morris	334	272	
Ocean	8	19	
Out Of State	3	2	
Passaic	98	65	
Salem	1	2	
Somerset	31	61	
Sussex	743	474	
Union	12	10	
Warren	212	233	
Total	1,779	1,368	30.04%

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