



Road Ecology Air Time 🐾 and NJ Wildlife Tracker

This post has two assignments for you - one for you to learn things, and one for you to help *us* learn things. Let's do it!

First: We really enjoyed an interview with writer Ben Goldfarb on NPR's Fresh Air the other day and hope you'll [give a listen](#) to this great conversation about wildlife, roads, and Goldfarb's new book, *Crossings: How Road Ecology Is Shaping the Future of Our Planet*. Even if you know a lot about the topic already, this interview puts some new and poetic spins on it - highlighting the "true crisis for biodiversity" that roadkill contributes to, of course, and the growing movement to make things better (#CHANJ!). Goldfarb also peppers in some of the clever ways animals are adapting to road-crossed landscapes...like the crows who figured out how to use cars as nut-crackers. What's a "necrobiome"? A "windshield wilderness"? [Hear the interview](#).



Second: Wildlife sightings from the public are incredibly useful to New Jersey DEP Fish and Wildlife. We recently launched [NJ Wildlife Tracker](#), a web application you can use from your cell phone or computer to report observations of rare wildlife species *and* wildlife of any kind on roadways. Your sightings of wildlife on roads will help us identify problem spots across the state - like places with frequent roadkill or at-risk species being impacted by roads. These can point us toward opportunities to build safer road-crossings for animals.

Please practice "Safety First" in every situation, especially along roadways.

- [Reporting Wildlife Sightings \(main page\)](#)
- [NJ Wildlife Tracker FAQs](#)
- [NJ Wildlife Tracker Video Tutorial](#)
- [NJ's Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Species](#)