

Discover The Truth About Feral Cats And Predation.

The fact is feral cats are not the #1 predator of wildlife.

We are. Studies show that the overwhelming cause of wildlife depletion is the destruction of natural habitat due to man-made structures, chemical pollution, pesticides, climate change, and drought—not feral cats. In fact, ornithologists estimate about 100 million birds in the U.S. die each year by flying into windows and breaking their necks.

Cats are opportunistic feeders.

Feral cats eat what is readily available. They are scavengers, relying on garbage and handouts from people. Sterilized cats in a managed colony are fed healthful cat food by volunteers, and often spend their days lying in the sun close to the food bowl.

Cats are rodent specialists.

Birds make up only a small percentage of a cat's diet when he relies solely on hunting for food. In many areas, feral cats are valued for managing rodent populations. In fact, organic farmers list feral cats under their rodent control methods when registering with the USDA.

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Cats can prey on a population without destroying it.

Just ask the mice. They're still thriving and cats have been hunting them since, well, the beginning. There is no scientific evidence that shows cats have a significant impact on mainland wildlife populations.

Trap, neuter, and return (TNR) effectively reduces outdoor cat populations.

No more kittens. Feral cat populations gradually diminish. The annoying behaviors of mating cats, such as yowling or fighting, stop. The cats are vaccinated and they are fed on a regular schedule. This ongoing care creates a safety net for both the cats and the community.

You can make a difference and save lives.

Together, we can help people understand how effective the humane solution, TNR, can be. To learn more or to find tools to help you educate people in your area, go to alleycat.org.



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