

# Questions?

- *How do I stop squirrels from girdling my trees?*
- *Something is tunneling under my sod. What is it?*
- *Help, raccoons are eating my garden!*
- *I want to clean my barn but am concerned about Hantavirus. What can I do to protect myself?*
- *I'm being driven "batty"! How can I prevent bats from roosting in the eaves of my house?*

Learn the answers to these and many more questions and help others that want answers too. Become a Colorado State University Wildlife Master.



## Wildlife Master Volunteer Program in Boulder County



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# What is a Wildlife Master?

Wildlife Masters are Boulder County volunteers. After completing training, they assist the public solve wildlife conflicts by providing information and recommendations based on current research results from Colorado State University, other land grant universities and state and federal wildlife agencies



## Why the need?

The building boom along Colorado's Front Range has forced wildlife to flee or to adapt to urban living. Animals that adapt often find themselves face-to face with humans who don't understand sharing the habitat. Beginning in 1987, this conflict between people and animals resulted in special training for Extension volunteers, who then answered questions about human/wildlife conflicts. This program continues today, providing the public with unbiased information.

## How do I become a Wildlife Master?

Anyone 18 years or older can apply. Applicants are selected through a screening and interview process. It is desirable that applicants have previous knowledge and local experience in living responsibly with wildlife and/or minimizing wildlife damage. Each trainee must attend annual training sessions, at least one

advanced training session and provide a minimum of two weeks phone coverage.

## What training is provided?

Volunteers receive wildlife training from CSU Extension and other wildlife agency specialists. Topics include wildlife conflict resolution, Wildlife rules and regulations, wildlife disease implications for Front Range residents, endangered species and living with carnivores. If you are interested in becoming a Wildlife Master, please contact the office. The two day workshop prepares you to answer the most common wildlife questions. Volunteers should also attend any tours that are scheduled.



## What is the cost?

In return for the training, Wildlife Master Volunteers are required to spend a minimum of two weeks answering questions by phone. Wildlife Masters work from home, returning customer inquiries left on a voice mail server. A workshop fee is charged to cover training costs and lunch. (see application for cost)

## What duties will I have?

As a volunteer, your primary duty will be telephone consultations, answering questions from area residents about wildlife conflicts. In addition to phone work, other opportunities are

available to Wildlife Masters with one or more years' experience. Examples include:  
**Speakers Bureau** - Providing educational presentations to groups such as garden clubs, neighborhood associations and school classes.  
**Writing** - Preparing articles for Wildlife Master newsletters published by the CSU Extension Boulder County.  
**Fairs/Special Events** - Developing displays for use at community fairs and special events.

## Advanced training

Wildlife Masters are expected to attend at least one advanced wildlife training session, scheduled throughout the year. In the past, sessions have included watchable wildlife training, tours of local wildlife refuges and assisting researchers in the field.

## How do I apply?

**The 2016 WM training will be April 22, May 6 and May 13, 2016 (possible tour). Please note the application deadline on the application form. Background checks will be performed.**

To request an application, see website <http://www.extension.colostate.edu/boulder/acreage.shtml> call or write us at:  
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Enrollment is limited.