



LaRC ENVIRONMENTAL MINUTE

Standard Practice and Environmental Engineering Branch (SPEEB)

Natural Resources

PLEASE DON'T FEED THE WILDLIFE

Don't take the WILD out of WILDLIFE!

While seeing wild animals up close can be enjoyable, providing wild animals with a steady, human-supplied food source nearly always leads to problems for both the animals and humans. Wild animals that are fed by people:

- Become habituated to feeding and associate people with food.
- Receive poor nutrition and ignore the natural nutrition available to them in the wild.
- May become aggressive and injure people in attempts to obtain food.

It's hard to resist, but please don't feed wild animals on Center. If you see an injured animal, notify SPEEB (4-7517) rather than trying to help it yourself. Report aggressive wildlife to Security (4-5500).

Let's all work together to keep LaRC wild!



A red fox at LaRC eating popcorn that someone left for it. This prevents the fox from gathering proper food from the wild and can lead to dangerous situations for the fox and humans.

For more environmental info: <https://environmental.larc.nasa.gov/>