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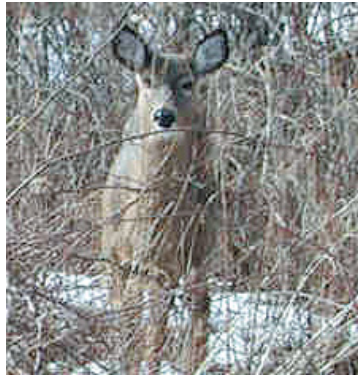
On Reducing Car-Deer Collisions

By Peter Muller

In late fall and early winter, our doe, buck, and fawn neighbors are on the move to find food, seek mates, and escape hunters. No wonder, deer-car collisions leap dramatically during October, November, and December. There may be a way, though, to avoid these often-fatal collisions.

Oregon, Washington State, and Wisconsin found the reflectors very useful, according to the May 12, 1997 issue of *Road Management Journal*.

Deer-car crashes dropped from 25 to 2 in one year after the New York DOT installed the system along the Taconic Parkway in 2001, and along a stretch of



Whitetail Deer

Photo by Frank L. Hoffman
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kills had occurred in places where we had 'gaps' or 'holes' in our reflector coverage."

Is it worth the cost? The typical cost for one mile of reflectors ranges from \$3,400-\$4,000. Most reflectors average 12.5 years of service thus costing \$272 to \$320 per mile per year. The total cost of installation with posts and labor is \$7000-\$10,000 per mile. Thereafter, the cost is negligible; only maintenance expenses are required. Based on several states' maintenance records, the cost per mile per year to maintain the reflectors is \$500. Compare these sums to the cost of the number of deaths and property damage a year resulting from animal-car collisions.

Urge your local town officials and highway superintendents to install these inexpensive reflectors along town, county, and state roads. It could save money, grief, and your life.

Peter Muller is Vice President of Wildlife Watch.

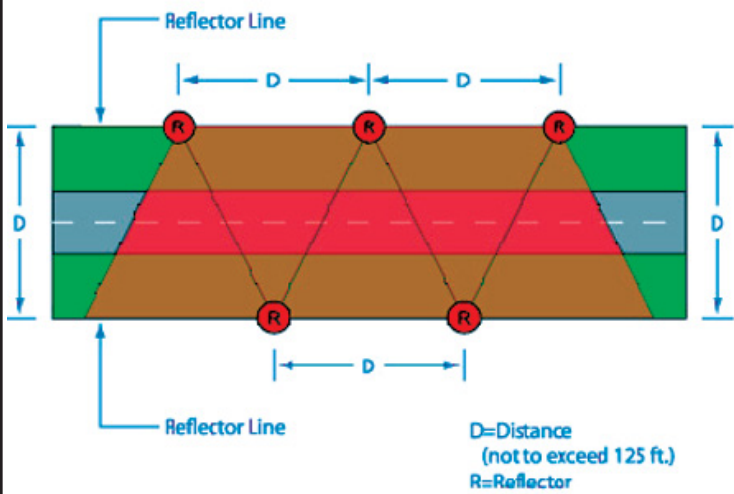


Figure 1: Strieter-Lite Reflector System layout

Deer hit in 1997 jumped five-fold on hunting season's first day, according to a report by the Erie Insurance Company in Pennsylvania. With some 150 occupant deaths and over \$1 billion in vehicle damage a year, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, these collisions are costly.

What to do? In several states, the Department of Transportation has investigated and installed successfully a cost-effective method that has dramatically reduced night-time deer-car collisions. Strieter-Lite reflectors, a patented system of reflector and installation methodology, can reduce night-time collisions possibly by as much as 78%-90%, according to a study posted on the company's website.

The method is fairly simple. Town workers or highway workers set up reflectors along both sides of a road at 50-foot intervals. One reflector absorbs a passing car's headlights and sends that light back and forth across the road providing a light stream that veritably stuns the deer or other animals into stillness. (See figure 1.) Considering that, according to the Strieter-Lite website, 70-80% of deer-car collisions occur near dawn and dusk, these reflectors work best when most needed.

The Strieter system proved effective along one stretch of a Nevada highway where not only deer but also elk and wild horses roam. The Nevada DOT quarterly, NDOT News, reported in Spring 2003 that the system prevented collisions with deer, elk, moose, and even coyotes.

Whereas a few states such as California, Colorado, and Maine found the reflectors ineffective or not cost-effective, several other states including Iowa, Minnesota,

road in the town of Hudson, Ohio, a busy deer crossing has seen zero collisions since town officials installed the system.

The system works if installed and maintained properly, says John Strieter, the system designer. (See figure 1) If reflectors are popped up haphazardly or if damaged reflectors are not replaced, the scheme won't work.

Steve Chicka, a county engineer in Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, explains, "The effectiveness of the reflectors became quite obvious when we discovered that all of the [new]

An Eye on the News

SINKING VILLAGES

On Sept. 28th Reuters reported that warm climate is changing the landscape and ecology of Alaska. They say that in cities, "buildings are slumping, roads are buckling as permafrost — frozen soil — thaws and turns into softer, spongy soil." This terrifying report states that the Inupiat village of Shishmaref on a narrow Chukchi Sea barrier island is preparing to move as the town sinks into the ground.

According to satellite

records released recently, it's clear that sea ice coverage in the arctic region has fallen, thus creating hardships for sea animals like polar bears that find their prey at the ice's edge.

For more on global warming, also see our Summer2005 issue in the WWB archives, www.wildwatch.org.

WHERE'S THE FISH?

Hawaiian waters are being depleted of tropical fish for home aquariums.

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Why We Need Wetland Laws

Presented at a public hearing in New Paltz, NY

By Steven Greenfield

In discussions concerning the fair limits of individual liberty in a free society, it is often said "Your right to swing your arm ends where the other person's nose begins." And so it is with the fair limits of property rights. Your right to drain and pave essential parts of the environmental infrastructure within the boundaries of your own property ends exactly where its impact on the other person's drinking water, flood control, insect control, and fire safety systems begin.

The same problem exists for homeowners whose wells have been poisoned by oil and



Late Fall Hitchhiking

Photo by wildlife watcher Jackie McCarney

As a citizen and property tax payer whose property adjoins a wetlands and runoff system, I will definitely be one of the property owners whose liberty to build structures, remove vegetation, and alter landscaping will fall directly under the proposed regulations for the Wetlands Law.

The proposed Wetlands Law actually will save taxpayers money and help maintain their property value.

Throughout New Paltz in 2005, private home wells have been running dry as both numerous citizens and local pump and well contractors have confirmed. We must retain wetlands to recharge aquifers. Wetlands have a natural—and cost-effective—filtering system that holds the runoff water in place as the ground absorbs the water. In essence, wetlands help keep clean our well water systems. A home with an inadequate or failed well water system is a home with zero resale value, and in the absence of municipal treated water systems, homeowners must pay for tanker-delivered water.

transmission fluid running off parking lots and paved surfaces into the groundwater system. In addition, when the community reaches a tipping point where groundwater is no longer a reliable source of sufficient water supply, the town will have no choice but to switch over to municipal metered water, a process which will run into the scores of millions of dollars in tax increases and water meter rates determined at the whim of New York City, not New Paltz. Property tax payers will know the meaning of tax hikes when this inevitable tipping point is achieved and we are all forced to join water districts. Will opponents of the Wetland Law be willing to compensate us?

Many wetlands are useful for absorbing potential flood waters—something that concerns all property owners. The last two years have seen the worst flooding and flood-related property loss in New Paltz's history. Much of this flooding stemmed directly from near-

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For the Love of Kato Girl: A Personal Story

Story as told by Paula Kastanis to Anne Muller



Photo by Paula Kastanis

Kato Girl with Paula's daughter

support of family and neighbors. Little did I know that it would turn into an eleven-day search. With a busy road in front of our house and overgrown woods in the back, we were desperate to find her. Dead or alive, my family needed closure.

One morning, my son found Kato's collar and tags in our newspaper holder near the mailbox. We hadn't seen them as our habit was to reach around for the mail. He dashed to the house to say that someone had left the collar there, so someone knew where Kato was.

When our son visited a friend later that day, his friend's mother said she had seen a dead dog lying next to the highway workers who were fixing the road in front of our property. She was on the way to see a doctor, but thought that on her way back she'd check the tags and call the owner.

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Kato Girl, our Lhasa Poo, was a precious part of our family for sixteen years. We got her as a puppy, and she added so much joy to our lives. In her last years, she became deaf, and during her last year, she had slowed down considerably. I dreaded the day I would have to say goodbye to her. In early September, Kato Girl somehow got out of the fenced yard and disappeared. Devastated, I searched for her, enlisting the

Help Enact Kato Girl's Law for Companion Dogs

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When she returned an hour later, though, the dog was gone without a trace.

I went to the highway department the following morning. They told me they take dead animals to a property in Millbrook. After seeing my shock, they claimed that dogs were buried separately there. "In that case," I said, "I'd like her

where dead deer were tossed on the heap and later buried to become mulch. My Kato Girl was somewhere in that heap. They had lied about burying dogs separately. I was told I could start looking for her at the end of the heap, and I did so frantically. There was no sign of her. She had decomposed. It turned out that the place was the Dutchess County Deer

Nothing could prepare me for what I saw.

—Paula Kastanis



Photo by Paula Kastanis

Kato Girl in Paula's Kitchen

back so I can give her the type of burial she should have." They said they'd deliver her to my house. We made arrangements to have her cremated. No one ever came with Kato Girl, and no one called to say they weren't coming.

I decided to try to find this property in Millbrook. When we finally found the mystery property, a worker there said he had tried to find her, but couldn't because she had probably decomposed. He suggested I try to find her myself, and directed me to follow him.

Nothing could prepare me for what I saw. Behind the building was a four-foot-high by sixty-foot-long woodchip compost heap

Carcass Compost site in Millbrook. They were in viola-



This deer landfill was Kato Girl's burial ground. Wildlife Watch mourns for Kato and the deer.

Please contact Wildlife Watch if you would like to help see this law become a reality.

tion of their permit, as the DEC permits only deer to be composted—not other wild animals or domestic animals. I was told, though, that because she was a **dead dog**, there was nothing we could do about it.

I wrote letters to elected officials and even to President Bush. No one responded. However, as a result of my inquiries and a subsequent investigation, they have stopped composting domestic animals.

While there are several Ag and Markets laws and a Vehicle and Traffic Law that pertain to this situation, when they are all cobbled together, they don't cover my case because Kato Girl was **not living** at the time her collar was removed, and her body was taken away.

We would like to see a law passed that would require at least a highway department or police department (those most likely to come into contact with dogs killed on the road) to inform the owners of the dog's death and location when the dogs are wearing tags and when they are licensed. It's important to me, for Kato Girl's memory and for other dog lovers.

Wetlands Law: A Local Necessity

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sighted development that did not protect important wetlands. When developers built a SUNY-New Paltz dormitory, they filled in a major drainage point and wetlands, which in turn caused uncontrolled cascading that damaged property below it en route to the Wallkill. Will opponents of the Wetland Law compensate those property owners? Opponents of the Wetlands Law often lampoon the concept of vernal pools, deriding them as "puddles at the end of a driveway" and cynically suggesting that wetlands be drained to reduce the likelihood of West Nile Virus.

But unlike the puddles at the ends of driveways, pooled water in discarded tires, wading pools, or storm drains, which are indeed mosquito breeding grounds, vernal pools are the essential seasonal breeding habitat of the mosquito's natural predators such as frogs. And when these habitats are gone, how will we control the mosquito population? By spraying pesticides like malathion? And who will be picking up the tab for that, the opponents of the Wetland Law?

Can the opponents name a single New York town or county that saw decreases in private residential property taxes after regulating large-scale commercial development? This claim is a red herring that has been proven

false time and time again. Homeowners in New Paltz have no financial interest in easing commercial construction requirements, and if anyone thinks the resale value of their house will go up when a Home Depot or Walmart opens up down the road, I have a bridge in Brooklyn to sell you.

Opponents also claim that the Wetland Law will cost taxpayers money because it will bring lawsuits. If opponents of the Wetland Law really wish to save the taxpayer the expense of lawsuits against the town that will result from adopting this proposal, then they simply should not bring

Much of our flooding stemmed from near-sighted development that did not protect wetlands.

—Steven Greenfield, New Paltz, NY

a lawsuit against the Town should the law pass. By not bringing a lawsuit, they will protect the rest of the taxpayers of New Paltz, the majority.

Our elected officials need to account for preserving property values, quality of life, and public safety of the many rather than the few. I firmly support the adoption of the Wetlands Protection Proposal and oppose any further weakening of its content. As a citizen, a homeowner, and a father in the Town of New Paltz, I urge the Town Board to adopt these measures without further delay.

Editor's Note: The New Paltz Town Wetland Law passed unanimously by the board on Thursday evening, November 11, 2005. Please keep Wildlife Watch informed of your municipality's wetlands issues.

Editor's Note: Numerous communities face vital decisions regarding their town's rate of development in tandem with preserving important wetlands. The issue need not be either development or wetlands. Instead, grass-roots organizations across the country are gathering momentum to identify their essential wetlands and pass legislation or make recommendations to local zoning and building committees. Wetlands are areas where water saturation on soil surface is the leading factor influencing how soil develops and how and what types of plants and animals prosper. These areas produce nutrient-rich soils that in turn create such life-sustaining food webs among special species that some organizations and government agencies compare wetlands' ecological productivity to that of rain forests and coral reefs. Although the following adapted excerpt from a recent public hearing in New Paltz, New York, addresses wetlands more from a property owners' concerns, we felt that because water quality issues and wetland issues are a national concern directly affecting our wildlife—if not our children's well being and future—that this piece would interest our readers. We hope so and welcome your responses. -JD

An Eye on the News

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Harvesting the fish is unregulated, and hundreds of thousands a year of a single species from a single bay are disappearing.

Sadly, plant-eating fish from reefs which are threatened by urban runoff could lead to the overgrowth of algae.

Among the most unhappy are dive shop owners whose tourist clientele are the lifeblood of the state's economy. Fish watchers can no longer have the magnificent fish to observe, and those dive shop operators who run trips claim the waters are being strip-mined.

The waters were compared to a "wide open cookie jar and the bad kids are robbing it."

Fortunately, Hawaii's legislature and Governor Linda Lingle are

beginning to implement some protections. If you'd like to write to her to encourage more action, you can visit <http://gov.state.hi.us/>

MICE SING

Scientists have known for decades that male lab mice produce high-frequency sounds—undetectable by human ears—when they pick up the scent of a female mouse. This high-pitched babble is presumably for courtship, although scientists are not certain.

But it turns out those sounds are more complex and interesting than previously thought.

"It soon became ... apparent that these vocalizations were not random twitterings but songs," said researcher Timothy Holy. "There was a pattern to them. They sounded a lot like bird songs."

If the analysis by the researchers is confirmed, mice can be added to the short list of creatures that sing in the presence of the opposite sex, including songbirds, humpback whales, porpoises, insects and, possibly, bats, and, of course, humans.

Timothy Holy and co-author Zhongsheng Guo said adult bird songs are much more practiced, predictable and refined than those of mice, but even birds don't start out as great singers. They learn. "

Source: Gardian Unlimited

FINALLY, FLORIDA WETLANDS PROTECTED FROM DEVELOPMENT

A federal judge in Florida granted a preliminary injunction and halted development

that would have destroyed 2,000 acres of wetland in the Florida Panhandle.

He ruled that the US Army Corps of Engineers makes it too easy for developers to destroy wetlands and that their issuance of a regional permit in this case didn't meet the requirements of the projects' being **similar in nature** and having **minimal environmental impact**.

The article pointed out that the regional permit had been granted by the corps after closed door meetings with the developer.

According to the article, "The corps approves more permits to destroy wetlands in Florida than any other state. **Between 1999 and 2003, it approved more than 12,000 wetland permits in Florida and rejected one.**"

Granting of this preliminary

injunction meant that the judge found the environmental groups would probably win their suit to overturn the permit.

A previous ruling in favor of wetlands stated that a development failed to take into account **the impact of other development that would be spawned**.

Another judge this year overturned a corps permit allowing the mining of wetlands in panther habitat because the corps failed to consider the **cumulative impacts** on panthers from other permits it issued in the area.

We thank Fern Gagnon for forwarding this news item from the *St. Petersburg Times*.

Please Email news items you'd like to share with Wildlife Watch Binocular to: wildwatch@verizon.net.

R.O.C.K. - REHABBERS OFFER CARE AND KINDNESS

Amazing Knowledge and Care: Fran Kitchen

By Karen L. Kirsch
 Fran Kitchen, founder of Operation Orphan, Inc. in Akron, Ohio, has dedicated her life to saving imperiled wildlife. In a typical year she cares for approximately 800-1,000 mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians, 75% of which she successfully rehabilitates and releases back to their natural environments.

The national rate is only about 50%. She modestly attributes this accomplishment to "experience." She's been at it for 42 years.

"When I first started there was no handbook. I learned by reading everything I could find about a species, scientifically researching everything about its birth, growth, habitat and food requirements." She still considers the library her best friend although she could (and should) write that handbook that wasn't available when she began.

This comprehensive approach is undoubtedly the reason her success ratio is so high. Rehabilitation is far more than 'fixing' a broken wing or a leg. It's knowing a creature's nutritional needs as well as its natural habits, so that when the time for release approaches he or she is equipped to survive without human intervention.

Fran holds both state and federal permits for the animals in her permanent possession. Because some animals couldn't survive if released back to the wild due to un-rehabilitative conditions, these permits have Ohio Division of Wildlife (ODOW) approval for educa-



McNasty, a one-winged short-eared owl, helps Fran teach. Photo by Karen Korince.

tional use.

She is happy to share her vast knowledge, but she expects her advice to be heeded. She's adamant about people not trying to make wildlife into pets. "With so many homeless dogs and cats, no one needs to take an animal from the wild."

Her reintroduction training for rehabilitated creatures is impressive. Not many would don a swimsuit to take a porcupine for weekly swims. "They need to know how to swim to survive," she says nonchalantly. Raccoons come in droves and she has had up to 11 raccoon "students" in training for release at one time.

She takes the hungry young raccoons to a predetermined release area, then walking four feet ahead she encourages them to forage and find food by making a sound which they associate with food. Like a mother racoon she also calls them back to her with this sound.

Only when they ignore her are they ready to be on their own. Then she vacates the area for an hour, returns and calls them again. "As long as they come when called, they aren't ready to be released." Lessons continue as long as it takes for them to display a defensive posture when approached by humans. "They need to know how to catch crayfish, but they have to know fear to survive."

Fear is instilled by Bubba, a lab-giant schnauzer mix who doubles as her husband Ron's service dog as well as the fear

teacher. He's trained to induce fright without ever touching an animal. When wild animals are finally released back to their natural world, they are equipped with the skills necessary to survive.

In 2001 she was inducted into the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Hall of Fame where she shares the honor with luminaries like Johnnie Appleseed and Louis Bromfield. Though awards are nice, she receives no compensation for her tireless work. It is solely funded through donations, fundraisers and the modest fees she charges for educational presentations.

Fran believes that education is critical. As well as directly caring for wildlife, she publishes a semi-annual newsletter and presents more than 40 educational programs annually. Until Ron's stroke in 2000 she



Bubba, the Fear Teacher

did twice that many programs and offered youth wildlife weekend camps.

"Kids love learning. They absorb information and knowledge." But she tells of a time when she doubted whether her presentations really mattered. That doubt was erased when she received 37 handwritten notes from students telling her how much they had learned and how they planned to help the wildlife around them.

Why does Fran Kitchen do what she does? "It's a love affair. I know what to do and how to do it."

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Photo by Karen Korince

Bobby, a bobcat, has been Fran's partner for 11 years.

Scott McGillicuddy: Friend of Scaly and Shelled Neighbors

By Anne Muller

What if you want to help animals, but you're allergic to the fuzzies and the furries? That was Scott McGillicuddy's predicament forty years ago, but he came up with a creative

ing to be happy.

While cleaning out some brush recently, Scott also found some spotted salamanders dying from our region's pervasive heat and lack of moisture. Once he dug some more, he found several of them still alive. Now he takes



Scott rescued dozens of these spotted salamanders-- a protected species.

solution: He became a rehabilitator for reptiles and amphibians. Wildlife Watch recently visited Scott to find out who his current patients were and to learn how he helps them.

Scott received a rehabilitator's license from the NYS DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation). With a federal permit for Birds of Prey, he has spent forty years working with wildlife. He gets his patients from the Trevors Zoo in Millbrook, veterinarians, and the public.

Scott recently found an Eastern Box Turtle on the outskirts of a brush fire that managed to heat his carapace (top shell) to the point of cracking and melting, exposing his insides. Scott promptly took him to a local veterinarian and then treated him with internal and topical antibiotics for quite a long time. His shell's coloring greatly diminished and darkened. This turtle will never return to his normal state, but Scott hopes to release him, a member of a protected species, in another year.

Eastern Box Turtles (terrapene carolina) are terrestrial turtles that prefer moist open woodlands, woodland edges, and adjacent old-fields, but usually those near small ponds or streams.

If you encounter an ill or wounded Eastern Box Turtle, please seek a professional rehabilitator's assistance and expertise.

Scott also has two beautiful African Sulcatas—African Spurred Tortoises. When Scott received these five-year-olds not long after their birth, they were only one inch long.

Sadly, some people buy these magnificent species as pets not realizing what they're in for. These animals are originally from the sub-Saharan hot regions. They grow relatively quickly and can become enormous and heavy, weighing over 100 lbs. As they outgrow their enclosures, their human companions decide they have outgrown them.

The lowest temperature they can be in is about 75 degrees Fahrenheit. Unless you have a large area where they can dig, eat grass, and have the right temperature, they are not go-

care of them in the right conditions: dark, moist soil not below 60 degrees. As they're nocturnal, they surface at night when Scott leaves tiny bugs like small crickets and mealworms.

Scott bemoans the fact that salamanders are not easy to help. They don't eat well, and their existence is fraught with danger, but with Scott's help, they may be ready to try their luck again in the forest this spring.

Scott said they also are a protected species, which means they cannot—and should not—be kept as pets. If conditions are right, they actually can live 20 years.

Scott's family also helps care for the patients—a fact that makes Scott especially proud. His wife, Barbara, and his 14-year-old daughter, Ashley, aid Scott in cleaning enclosures and feeding all their guests. As



One of Scott's clients enjoys his temporary home.



Scott holding two beauties. Warning: Not good for pets!

Ashley continues to assume more complicated responsibilities, we have no doubt she'll become a wildlife rehabilitator.

If you have reptile questions or reptile rehabilitation needs, please contact Scott McGillicuddy at 845-486-4329.

Anne Muller is WWB's Hotline Helper.

From the Editor's Desk

The other night, driving home, I was thinking about this issue, about Pete Muller's article on Strieter-Lites, about mindful driving. As I turned a bend, my head "composing" this very piece, a deer stood front and center in the road's middle. I hit the brakes, tapped my horn, and waited as the deer sauntered off.

Many of us are culpable of driving with our eyes on the road but our minds elsewhere. During this holiday season, may we slow down and keep a vigilant eye both on the road and to the road sides where

deer often browse.

Should you come across a wounded deer, contact us at our Wildlife Watch hotline.

We'll refer you to a local wildlife rehabber who may be able to help.

We appreciate your support. Please consider purchasing a gift from our catalog. You'll not only make a beloved wildlife lover happy; you'll also help us bring you the latest in news and stories related to our animal friends and neighbors.

-Jeff Davis, Managing Editor

Marion Leavitt

We are correcting an error in the spelling of Marion Leavitt's name in the last issue of the WWB. Marion Leavitt was featured in the R.O.C.K. section of the newsletter with the spelling "Levitz". This apology gives us the opportunity to thank Marion again for all she is doing! Her little patients let us know that we didn't spell her name correctly!

866 - WILD HELP

If you are a wildlife rehabilitator, we'll post your information, related events, or presentations plus we may do a story about you. We also need volunteers to transport injured or orphaned wildlife to rehabilitators.

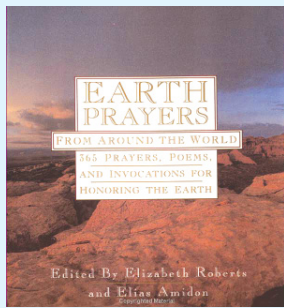


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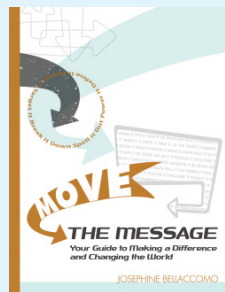
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MAGNIFICENT GOURD ORNAMENTS/BOXES/BIRD HOUSES

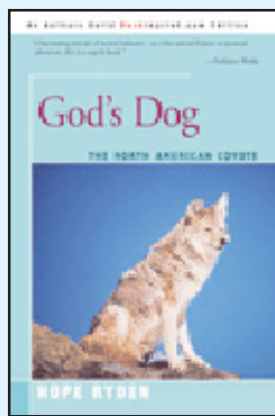
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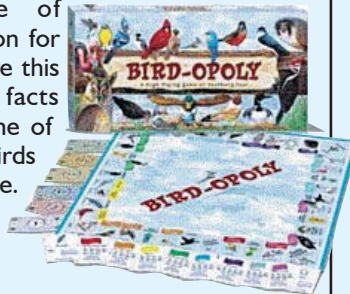
Celebration of the North American Coyote, by Hope Ryden For two years naturalist/photographer **Hope Ryden** camped in remote areas of the West observing and photographing coyotes. With eloquence and clarity, she



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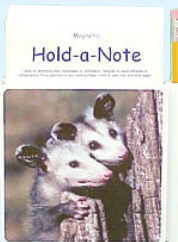
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