

**Table S1.** Demographic and socio-economic characteristics of survey respondents, metropolitan Atlanta, United States, January-April 2022 (n=1,006).

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	426	42.35
Female	574	57.06
Non-binary/third gender	4	0.40
Prefer not to say	2	0.20
<b>Race</b>		
American Indian or Alaskan Native	17	1.69
Asian	12	1.19
Black or African American	544	54.08
Hispanic	38	3.78
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4	0.40
White	431	42.84
Other	13	1.29
<b>Age</b>		
18 – 24 years	123	12.23
25 – 34 years	194	19.28
35 – 44 years	208	20.68
45 – 54 years	165	16.40
55 – 64 years	117	11.63
65 years and older	199	19.78
<b>Education</b>		
High school graduate (includes GED)	168	16.70
High school, no diploma	37	3.68
Some college, no degree	282	28.03
Associate degree	131	13.02
Bachelor's degree	257	25.55
Graduate or professional degree	131	13.02
<b>Income</b>		
Less than \$25,000	185	18.39
\$25,000 – \$49,999	286	28.43
\$50,000 – \$74,999	214	21.27
\$75,000 – \$99,999	141	14.02
\$100,000 or more	180	17.89
<b>Household size</b>		
Single owner/renter	121	12.03
2 members	300	29.82
3 members	235	23.36
4 members	149	14.81
5 members or more	201	19.98

Children ( $\leq 18$ years old) in household	231	22.96
<b>Type of home</b>		
House	686	68.19
Apartment / Condominium	244	24.25
Townhouse or semi-detached house	51	5.07
Trailer / Manufactured home	15	1.49
Other	10	0.99
<b>Garden</b>		
Lawn/sod	589	58.55
Shrubs/bushes	533	52.98
Trees	532	52.88
Flowering plants	417	41.45
Paved area/concrete	360	35.79
$\leq 25\%$ of garden	295	29.32
26 - 50% of garden	53	5.27
51 - 75% of garden	10	0.99
$\geq 76\%$ of garden	2	0.20
Landscaping around residence	256	25.45
<b>Control over landscaping</b>		
Yes	594	59.05
I have some say in landscaping	120	11.93
No	217	21.57
<b>Length of residence in neighborhood</b>		
Less than 1 year	108	10.74
1-2 years	200	19.88
3-5 years	227	22.56
6-10 years	140	13.92
11 or more years	331	32.90
<b>County of residence</b>		
Barrow	13	1.29
Bartow	15	1.49
Carroll	22	2.19
Cherokee	39	3.88
Clayton	43	4.27
Cobb	136	13.52
Coweta	22	2.19
Dekalb	165	16.40
Douglas	13	1.29
Fayette	17	1.69
Forsyth	11	1.09
Fulton	229	22.76
Gwinnett	121	12.03
Henry	74	7.36

Newton	17	1.69
Paulding	21	2.09
Pickens	8	0.80
Rockdale	15	1.49
Spalding	7	0.70
Walton	18	1.79
<b>Pets owned</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>55.86</b>
Birds	26	2.58
Cats	228	22.66
Dogs	424	42.15
Fish	64	6.36
Herpetofauna (lizards, snakes, turtles)	18	1.79
Small mammals (ferrets, guinea pigs, hamsters, hedgehogs, rabbits)	12	1.19
Invertebrates	1	0.10

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**Table S2.** Number of respondents who interacted with wildlife, including type of human-wildlife interactions and the wildlife with which respondents have interacted, metropolitan Atlanta, United States, 2022.

Type of interaction with wildlife	Wildlife with which respondents have interacted						
	Bat	Bobcat	Coyote	Deer	Fox	Hawk	Hummingbird
I put out food or seed for wildlife to eat	0	1	2	75	5	14	144
Wildlife have damaged my landscaping	2	0	6	72	5	1	3
Wildlife have entered my home	6	0	0	3	1	0	3
I watch wildlife around my residence or neighborhood	49	4	35	342	66	203	306
Wildlife eat my pets' food	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wildlife raid my trash cans	0	0	11	12	5	2	1
Wildlife have threatened or attacked my pets	1	1	7	0	2	11	1
Members of my household have felt threatened by wildlife	6	1	21	12	7	1	0
Members of my household have been scratched/bitten by wildlife	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I have felt threatened by wildlife	6	2	26	7	9	3	1
I have been scratched/bitten by wildlife	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Members of my household have had a vehicle collision with wildlife	0	0	0	56	0	1	0
I have had a vehicle collision with wildlife	0	0	1	43	0	0	0

  

Type of interaction with wildlife	Wildlife with which respondents have interacted						
	Opossum	Owl	Rabbit	Raccoon	Snake	Squirrel/ Chipmunk	Turtle
I put out food or seed for wildlife to eat	37	14	77	47	0	181	8
Wildlife have damaged my landscaping	30	0	51	40	10	86	0
Wildlife have entered my home	11	3	7	8	14	40	2
I watch wildlife around my residence or neighborhood	94	141	305	112	58	501	85
Wildlife eat my pets' food	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wildlife raid my trash cans	69	0	4	107	2	24	1
Wildlife have threatened or attacked my pets	8	6	2	3	7	0	0
Members of my household have felt threatened by wildlife	19	2	0	21	32	0	0
Members of my household have been scratched/bitten by wildlife	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
I have felt threatened by wildlife	23	2	3	19	41	4	1
I have been scratched/bitten by wildlife	1	1	2	3	0	0	0
Members of my household have had a vehicle collision with wildlife	14	0	4	4	3	19	3
I have had a vehicle collision with wildlife	9	0	2	2	2	13	3

**Table S3.** Respondents' attitudes towards wildlife, metropolitan Atlanta, United States, January-April 2022 (n=1,006).

	<b>Median</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Strongly dislike</b>	<b>Dislike</b>	<b>Neither dislike nor like</b>	<b>Like</b>	<b>Strongly like</b>
Bat	Neither dislike nor like	249	37 (14.86%)	50 (20.08%)	78 (31.33%)	58 (23.29%)	26 (10.44%)
Bobcat	Dislike	33	11 (33.33%)	10 (30.3%)	8 (24.24%)	1 (3.03%)	3 (9.09%)
Coyote	Dislike	311	110 (35.37%)	71 (22.83%)	92 (29.58%)	26 (8.36%)	12 (3.86%)
Deer	Like	624	22 (3.53%)	39 (6.25%)	163 (26.12%)	247 (39.58%)	153 (24.52%)
Fox	Neither dislike nor like	265	39 (14.72%)	43 (16.23%)	106 (40.0%)	50 (18.87%)	27 (10.19%)
Hawk	Like	401	15 (3.74%)	23 (5.74%)	110 (27.43%)	161 (40.15%)	92 (22.94%)
Hummingbird	Strongly like	528	4 (0.76%)	3 (0.57%)	56 (10.61%)	179 (33.9%)	286 (54.17%)
Opossum	Neither dislike nor like	499	127 (25.45%)	121 (24.25%)	157 (31.46%)	76 (15.23%)	18 (3.61%)
Owl	Like	441	12 (2.72%)	18 (4.08%)	95 (21.54%)	190 (43.08%)	126 (28.57%)
Rabbit	Like	654	9 (1.38%)	16 (2.45%)	142 (21.71%)	294 (44.95%)	193 (29.51%)
Raccoon	Neither dislike nor like	513	86 (16.76%)	108 (21.05%)	199 (38.79%)	90 (17.54%)	30 (5.85%)
Snake	Dislike	450	208 (46.22%)	105 (23.33%)	87 (19.33%)	44 (9.78%)	6 (1.33%)
Squirrel/chipmunk	Like	896	40 (4.46%)	65 (7.25%)	307 (34.26%)	337 (37.61%)	147 (16.41%)
Turtle	Like	345	2 (0.58%)	6 (1.74%)	65 (18.84%)	162 (46.96%)	110 (31.88%)

**Table S4.** Respondents' emotions towards wildlife, metropolitan Atlanta, United States, January-April 2022.

	<b>N</b>	<b>Scared</b>	<b>Disgusted</b>	<b>Annoyed</b>	<b>Neutral/No Emotion</b>	<b>Interested</b>	<b>Excited</b>	<b>Caring/Compassion</b>
Bat	249	51 (20.5%)	37 (14.9%)	39 (15.7%)	55 (22.1%)	83 (33.3%)	34 (13.7%)	26 (10.4%)
Bobcat	33	20 (60.6%)	6 (18.2%)	5 (15.2%)	4 (12.1%)	7 (21.2%)	5 (15.2%)	3 (9.1%)
Coyote	311	180 (57.9%)	27 (8.7%)	58 (18.6%)	49 (15.8%)	58 (18.6%)	28 (9.0%)	23 (7.4%)
Deer	624	27 (4.3%)	4 (0.6%)	44 (7.1%)	123 (19.7%)	239 (38.3%)	223 (35.7%)	214 (34.3%)
Fox	265	72 (27.2%)	10 (3.8%)	25 (9.4%)	58 (21.9%)	106 (40.0%)	50 (18.9%)	45 (17.0%)
Hawk	401	31 (7.7%)	7 (1.7%)	29 (7.2%)	87 (21.7%)	178 (44.4%)	132 (32.9%)	79 (19.7%)
Hummingbird	528	1 (0.2%)	2 (0.4%)	2 (0.4%)	65 (12.3%)	222 (42.0%)	313 (59.3%)	161 (30.5%)
Opossum	499	100 (20.0%)	154 (30.9%)	139 (27.9%)	141 (28.3%)	88 (17.6%)	28 (5.6%)	54 (10.8%)
Owl	441	16 (3.6%)	8 (1.8%)	23 (5.2%)	85 (19.3%)	229 (51.9%)	173 (39.2%)	117 (26.5%)
Rabbit	654	4 (0.6%)	4 (0.6%)	19 (2.9%)	143 (21.9%)	256 (39.1%)	235 (35.9%)	258 (39.4%)
Raccoon	513	86 (16.8%)	59 (11.5%)	120 (23.4%)	136 (26.5%)	137 (26.7%)	53 (10.3%)	74 (14.4%)
Snake	450	276 (61.3%)	128 (28.4%)	93 (20.7%)	57 (12.7%)	60 (13.3%)	23 (5.1%)	26 (5.8%)
Squirrel/chipmunk	896	8 (0.9%)	15 (1.7%)	116 (12.9%)	376 (42.0%)	234 (26.1%)	127 (14.2%)	225 (25.1%)
Turtle	345	5 (1.4%)	6 (1.7%)	3 (0.9%)	64 (18.6%)	155 (44.9%)	114 (33.0%)	125 (36.2%)

**Table S5.** Respondent' self-efficacy pertaining to managing interactions with wildlife. Respondents indicated whether they agreed or disagreed with four statements.

	<b>Median</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neither disagree nor agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>N</b>
I have the ability to keep myself safe from wildlife	Agree	20 (2%)	20 (2%)	116 (11.5%)	535 (53.2%)	315 (31.3%)	1,006
I have the ability to prevent wildlife entering my property	Neither disagree nor agree	114 (11.3%)	176 (17.5%)	248 (24.7%)	321 (31.9%)	147 (14.6%)	1,006
I have the ability to keep my pets safe from wildlife	Agree	8 (1.4%)	6 (1.1%)	46 (8.2%)	273 (48.6%)	229 (40.7%)	562
I have the ability to keep members of my household safe from wildlife	Agree	23 (2.6%)	20 (2.3%)	148 (16.7%)	435 (49.2%)	259 (29.3%)	885

**Table S6.** Respondent' trust in the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to manage wildlife and human-wildlife conflicts (n=1,006). Respondents indicated whether they agreed or disagreed with five statements.

	<b>Median</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neither disagree nor agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>
They provide adequate information about preventing negative interactions with wildlife	Neither disagree nor agree	16 (1.6%)	41 (4.1%)	548 (54.5%)	297 (29.5%)	104 (10.3%)
They have the appropriate resources to manage wildlife	Agree	13 (1.3%)	30 (3.0%)	436 (43.3%)	386 (38.4%)	141 (14.0%)
They have the necessary expertise to manage negative interactions with wildlife	Agree	11 (1.1%)	22 (2.2%)	411 (40.9%)	398 (39.6%)	164 (16.3%)
They have responded to our requests for assistance on wildlife issues	Neither disagree nor agree	13 (1.3%)	30 (3.0%)	566 (56.3%)	286 (28.4%)	111 (11.0%)
They have been effective in protecting wildlife in Georgia	Neither disagree nor agree	11 (1.1%)	21 (2.1%)	520 (51.7%)	322 (32.0%)	132 (13.1%)

**Table S7.** Distribution of responses to the Wildlife Value Orientation Scale (n=1,006). These statements loaded onto three factors: mutualism; hunting beliefs; and utilitarian views of wildlife.

	<b>Median</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neither disagree nor agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>
<b>Factor 1: Mutualism</b>						
I feel a strong emotional bond with animals	Neither disagree nor agree	77 (7.7%)	152 (15.1%)	300 (29.8%)	334 (33.2%)	143 (14.2%)
Wildlife are like my family and I want to protect them	Neither disagree nor agree	86 (8.5%)	172 (17.1%)	402 (40.0%)	258 (25.6%)	88 (8.7%)
I value the sense of companionship I receive from animals	Agree	50 (5.0%)	100 (9.9%)	254 (25.2%)	395 (39.3%)	207 (20.6%)
We should strive for a world where humans and wildlife can live side by side without fear	Agree	69 (6.9%)	116 (11.5%)	305 (30.3%)	366 (36.4%)	150 (14.9%)
I care about animals as much as I do about other people	Agree	57 (5.7%)	155 (15.4%)	275 (27.3%)	364 (36.2%)	155 (15.4%)
Animals should have rights similar to the rights of humans	Neither disagree nor agree	92 (9.1%)	228 (22.7%)	302 (30.0%)	293 (29.1%)	91 (9.0%)
I view all living things as part of one big family	Agree	51 (5.1%)	159 (15.8%)	282 (28.0%)	381 (37.9%)	133 (13.2%)
<b>Factor 2: Hunting beliefs</b>						
Hunting is cruel and inhumane to animals	Neither disagree nor agree	100 (9.9%)	210 (20.9%)	309 (30.7%)	261 (25.9%)	126 (12.5%)
Hunting does not respect the lives of animals	Neither disagree nor agree	69 (6.9%)	202 (20.1%)	320 (31.8%)	288 (28.6%)	127 (12.6%)
People who want to hunt should be provided the opportunity to do so	Neither disagree nor agree	87 (8.6%)	136 (13.5%)	348 (34.6%)	333 (33.1%)	102 (10.1%)
We should strive for a world where there's an abundance of wildlife for hunting	Neither disagree nor agree	123 (12.2%)	232 (23.1%)	400 (39.8%)	189 (18.8%)	62 (6.2%)
<b>Factor 3: Utilitarian views</b>						
The needs of humans should take priority over wildlife protection	Neither disagree nor agree	65 (6.5%)	165 (16.4%)	350 (34.8%)	315 (31.3%)	111 (11.0%)
Humans should manage wildlife so that humans benefit	Neither disagree nor agree	73 (7.3%)	207 (20.6%)	398 (39.6%)	254 (25.2%)	74 (7.4%)

Wildlife are on earth primarily for people to use	Disagree	194 (19.3%)	337 (33.5%)	307 (30.5%)	135 (13.4%)	33 (3.3%)
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