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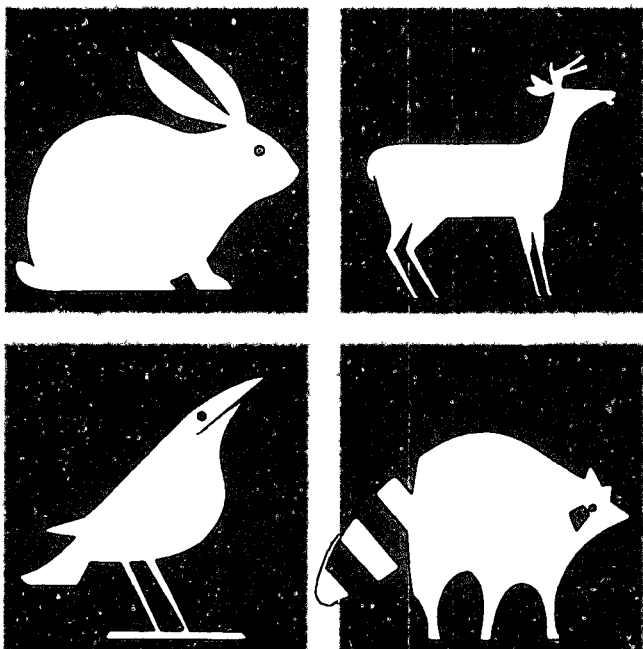


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Purpose and Background

The Eastern Wildlife Damage Control Conference originated in 1983 at Cornell University as a program of the New York State Cooperative Extension Service, with funding from the Renewable Resources Extension Program through the Extension Service, USDA. The interest in and success of the conference resulted in plans for a second conference to be held in 1985 at North Carolina State University. The second conference reflected growing sponsorship and continuing interest as reflected in the quality of papers presented and in attendance. Therefore, plans were made to continue the conference in alternate years with the third conference to be presented in 1987 at Gulf Shores, Alabama hosted by Auburn University.

Conflicts between humans and wildlife have continued to increase with human population growth and dispersion into rural habitats, with intensified land use of all types, and with greater use of natural landscapes in the urban/suburban environment. Wildlife problems are of major concern in numerous agricultural, forestry, and residential situations. Damage involves loss of resources, loss of property, and sometimes loss of life. Continued support for maintenance of many wildlife populations is dependent on our ability to address these problems.

Wildlife damage control is an increasingly important discipline within the profession of wildlife management. The discipline has been developing rapidly as a science and in complexity. There is a need to periodically bring research, extension, and agency personnel together to discuss recent advances in technology, problem definition, and policy. Through this type of interchange new and better damage control strategies are formulated, priority areas for research are identified, and new information is disseminated. The Eastern Wildlife Damage Control Conference continues to be a major means for improving communication within the discipline.

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