

Keep Cats Indoors!

An invasive species is an organism which has been introduced to an environment outside of its native range, and causes significant damage to the ecosystem. Feral and outdoor domestic cats are considered to be one of the most destructive invasive species across the world! Human-introduced cat populations wreak havoc on their local environments in more ways than one.

- Across the United States, feral and outdoor cats kill around **2.4 billion** birds per year. An average outdoor cat kills, on average, **791 animals** per year. This may not seem realistic, but cats only bring home what they kill about 20% of the time!
- Introduced cats have contributed to the extinction of **63 wildlife species**. Cats are incredibly good at hunting, which spells trouble for their prey - they not only have stealth on their side, but their mouths have a large amount of bacteria designed to make their prey sick, and therefore, easier to kill.
- Keeping your cat indoors doesn't just protect native wildlife species - it protects your cat too! Outdoor cats are susceptible to car strikes, disease, predators, and human cruelty. The average lifespan of an outdoor cat is only 2-5 years - less than half the lifespan of an indoor cat.

