

Call for Papers

Special Topic: Bird Damage (Corvids, Blackbirds, Starlings, and Vultures)



BLACKBIRDS, STARLINGS, CORVIDS, and vultures cause billions of dollars in damage to agriculture commodities and livestock facilities, transmit disease to humans and animals, impact sensitive species, are destructive to personal property, and are a safety concern at airports. Researchers have determined these birds to be widely distributed throughout the United States and estimate their numbers to be between 750 million and 1 billion—and growing. Although progress has been made

in addressing these problems, the nature of human–bird conflicts is dynamic, complex, and requires a wide breadth of expertise.

Human–Wildlife Interactions will be publishing a special issue on the important topic of bird damage, seeking original contributed papers from a broad scope of topics within each bird species of concern including: bird biology and behavior; the impact on native/endangered plants and animals; disease threats to animals and humans; the impacts on industries, livelihoods, neighborhoods, water quality, and soil; agricultural damage; and research. Submissions could also address ecological damage; economic impacts; management tactics; legislation specific to blackbirds, starlings, corvids, and vultures; human dimensions; or disease control and monitoring programs. We also welcome submissions for papers on other blackbird, starling, corvid, and vulture topics, including past and present original scientific research.

HWI has recruited Dr. George Linz to serve as associate editor for this special issue. Dr. Linz is the retired field station leader for USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services, National Wildlife Research Center, North Dakota unit. He has >30 years of experience researching and teaching on the topic of bird damage management. He can be reached at George_m_linz@yahoo.com. For more information about the special issue section, contact Dr. Terry Messmer, *HWI* editor-in-chief, at terry.messmer@usu.edu.

Submit Your Manuscript

The submission deadline for contributing a research article, case study, opinion, commentary, or other manuscript for this special issue is **August 1, 2020**.

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