In this document, you will find a list of resources you can visit to learn more about the role of wildlife in our ecosystem, as well as a few pictures that demonstrate different aspects of the wildlife in our urban forest. Once you are done exploring the topic of wildlife, take some time to go outside and observe the urban wildlife near you! Don’t forget to take a picture of your participation or share a fact you learned using the hashtag #GreenSeattleDays2020 and tag us on social media @greenseattlepartnership!

Resources on Wildlife:

- Urban wildlife are the animals and birds that live within urban developments (cities, towns, and suburbs). These are the animals we come into contact with the most, but also the ones we pay the least attention to when we think of wildlife. Seattle is home to a variety of wildlife. Learn more about urban wildlife and the animals that call Seattle home:
  - [treehugger.com/facts-about-north-americas-temperate-rain-forests-4869747](treehugger.com/facts-about-north-americas-temperate-rain-forests-4869747)
  - [thoughtco.com/urban-animals-4138316](thoughtco.com/urban-animals-4138316)
  - [greentumble.com/urban-wildlife-threats-and-benefits/](greentumble.com/urban-wildlife-threats-and-benefits/)
  - [greenseattle.org/suwildlifelab/](greenseattle.org/suwildlifelab/)

- In the past, wildlife have not had to deal with significant and rapid reductions of habitat due to urban development or agriculture. The reduction of habitat into small patches or lines on the landscape increases what is called edge habitat. This habitat is less biodiverse and cannot support large carnivores and other sensitive species such as amphibians and some birds. How can we help wildlife make a home in between our cities?
  - [e360.yale.edu/features/habitat-on-the-edges-making-room-for-wildlife-in-an-urbanized-world](e360.yale.edu/features/habitat-on-the-edges-making-room-for-wildlife-in-an-urbanized-world)

- The built environment we live in doesn’t provide the habitat wildlife has historically lived in since time immemorial. Because of this, our urban centers has negative impacts on wildlife. There are some species that live in cities and do well. There are others that cannot cohabitate with humans and urban development takes away habitat and harms them.
  - [huffpost.com/entry/how-rapid-urbanisation-is_b_9991454](huffpost.com/entry/how-rapid-urbanisation-is_b_9991454)

- Go out and explore the wildlife of Seattle!