

Wasatch Wildlife Watch

Answering questions about wildlife activity on the Wasatch Front



Wasatch Wildlife Watch is a community science "camera trapping" project. Remote sensing cameras are installed in over 250 locations throughout the Wasatch Front and adjacent to Salt Lake Valley greenspaces.

The wildlife photos captured by these cameras are analyzed and used as data to inform researchers and habitat managers on how native wildlife are using different habitats. Future conservation outcomes could include establishing additional wildlife overpass/underpass structures to facilitate landscape-level movement, identifying key habitat for future conservation and restoration initiatives, and monitoring trends in multiple species to respond to sudden declines/increases.

The Wasatch Mountains contain the most highly trafficked national forests in the U.S. In fact, our wild areas receive approximately nine million visitors every year, which is equal to the visitation rate of all five of Utah's national parks combined. In addition, roughly half of the people who visit the Wasatch Mountains cite viewing wildlife as one of the most important reasons for their visit.

Ensuring that wildlife and humans continue to coexist peacefully throughout the Wasatch Mountains is one of the primary shared goals of Wasatch Wildlife Watch partners and community scientist participants.

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