

Nuisance Animal Identification Checklist

To resolve nuisance wildlife problems it is first necessary to identify the problem critter.

Have you seen the animal?

Is it a mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian or unknown

What color _____

What size _____

Where was it located _____

What does it look like?

A small mouse with a short tail

A big rat

A snake with legs

A black shiny bird

What is the damage or nuisance situation?

Holes in the lawn or garden or next to the foundation of the house

Holes in the side of the house

Bird droppings covering an area

Disappearing vegetables

Noises in the attic

What has the animal left behind to help in its identification?

Hair — what color and length _____

Feathers — color and length _____

How big is the hole it is using _____

Footprints

Droppings

Most animals will be identified through the collection of the information above. If you have gathered this information and are still unable to determine what is causing the problem please contact Dan Lekie, County Extension Director/Natural Resources Agent, at the Johnson County K-State Research and Extension office and we will try and make a determination.

Send photos and your questions to rick.miller@jocogov.org. We also have an excellent web page set up to respond to nuisance animal concerns at this link:

<http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/natural-resources/nuisance-wildlife/index.html> .