



COEXISTING WITH OUR *Wildlife*

In our development as a nation, we have converted most green spaces in Singapore to meet human needs.

While we have attempted to incorporate nature into our urban environment, shrinking natural habitats will inevitably lead to more intimate interactions between humans and wildlife.

More recently, the comments are siding the fact we are sighting more monkeys, wild boars, otters and hornbills more often and seemingly in significant numbers. These challenges will occur when a jungle turns concrete coming into close contact with humans, and these instances will continue.

There are many reasons why conflicts between humans and wild animals may occur. A significant contributor to the problem is the act of feeding these animals. This scenario should be welcome news for conservationists whose work aims to restore natural environments and biodiversity; however, the truth is probably more straightforward. While some wildlife could be emboldened by our absence, these animals are searching for food in most cases.

The wildlife we notice now is less of a resurgence than realising that we live in a shared space. We share our urban environment with local macaques, reptiles, birds and other wildlife. But, as with every shared living environment, conflict may sometimes seem inevitable.

A typical reaction to the presence of wildlife in our living environment is "Not on my golf course!" Some wildlife encounters have been met with hostility. Members and Guests are reminded not to take action against any of the local wildlife to chase them away with weapons or exaggerated movements. Weapons such as slingshots, stone pelting, water guns, etc., are unadvisable and such efforts could exacerbate the problem.

The club shall continue working with NParks and government agencies on how to better manage and coexist with our fantastic wildlife together moving forward,

