

Emboldened wild animals venture into locked-down cities worldwide

As cities around the world mandate lockdowns, quarantine and social distancing, social media posts about animals **frolicking** through deserted cities have **enchanted** people anxiously seeking silver linings.

frolic 嬉戏

enchant 迷住

In Nara, Japan, sika deer wandered through city streets and subway stations. **Raccoons** were spotted on the beach in an emptied San Felipe, **Panama**. And turkeys have made a strong showing in Oakland, California.

raccoon 浣熊

Panama 巴拿马

“Normally, animals live in the parts of our cities that we don’t use,” said Seth Mangle, who directs the Urban Wildlife Institute at the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago. “It makes them an unseen presence, kind of like ghosts.”

Gangs of wild turkeys aren’t an uncommon sight in parts of the Bay Area but it seems they’ve got a bit more room to wander through neighborhoods they might not normally visit.

Quarantine could continue to affect wildlife in unexpected ways, said Paige Warren, an ecologist at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Fewer people in the streets could drive some species away, she said, especially those who **subsist** on whatever humans feed them — or leave behind in the trash.

subsist 维持生活

devoid 缺乏的

That is the case in Nara Park, where the sika deer — which look like Bambi — have grown accustomed to tourists lining up year-round to feed them rice **crackers**. **Now that** the park is **devoid** of human visitors, the deer have begun wandering into the city looking for food. They’ve been spotted crossing city streets and walking through subway stations, snacking on potted plants.

cracker 饼干

now that 既然；由于

In Lopburi, Thailand, the absence of tourists and their tasty snacks left local monkeys ***brawling*** over what appeared to be a cup of yogurt.

brawl 喧闹; 斗殴