

Chicago Wildlife Watch Image Captions



The Adler Planetarium and Lincoln Park Zoo have launched ***Chicago Wildlife Watch***, a new web-based citizen science initiative that provides an opportunity for students, teachers and members of the public to actively participate in Chicagoland wildlife research through photo identification technology available at **chicagowildlifewatch.org**. This data will help researchers apply findings that will positively influence urban wildlife policy.
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The camera traps used for ***Chicago Wildlife Watch*** data collection are set up in urban areas throughout Chicago including this South Loop location.
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Seth Magle, PhD, Director of the Urban Wildlife Institute secures a camera trap that is used to capture data for ***Chicago Wildlife Watch***. Urban Wildlife Institute scientists set up camera traps four times a year.
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A resting coyote is captured by a Urban Wildlife Institute camera trap southwest of Chicago. Coyotes are among the most common carnivores in the Chicagoland area.
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This image shows a raccoon and opossum in the city of Chicago. Exploring the relationship between urban species is one goal of ***Chicago Wildlife Watch***.
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Chicago Wildlife Watch will explore wildlife that utilize public spaces such as these coyotes foraging in a park on the Northwest side of Chicago.

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This red fox sits facing an Urban Wildlife Institute camera trap west of the city. Red foxes are becoming uncommon in the Chicago area, with some speculating that coyotes may be outcompeting them in urban spaces. ***Chicago Wildlife Watch*** may shed light on why this is occurring.

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A Zooniverse team member from the Adler Planetarium demonstrates ***Chicago Wildlife Watch*** to participants of the Lincoln Park Zoo Conservation Camp. The Zooniverse is the world's leading - and largest - citizen science platform.

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Participants of the Lincoln Park Zoo Conservation Camp classify animals on ***Chicago Wildlife Watch***. This easy to use online platform, allows everyone from middle-school aged children to adults to contribute to real scientific research.

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