

WATER *for* wildlife

Heat stress (hyperthermia) is distressing and painful for wildlife and it can be fatal. Dehydration can cause organ damage and hot surfaces burn feet and paws. There are ways we can help prevent wildlife becoming heat stressed during prolonged periods of heat or on extremely hot days.

- 1.** Use the garden hose to mist water spray into trees and shrubs.
- 2.** Leave out bowls of water in locations that provide some protection and screening from predators such as birds of prey and domestic pets. If leaving out a larger tub or bucket make sure it's secure and provide a stick or rock for animals to use to climb out. Providing water at different levels makes it accessible to all species while minimising their risk of being preyed upon.
- 3.** Hang a water dispenser from a tree or put a bowl in a hanging basket that can be easily accessed by arboreal dwellers such as birds and bats.
- 4.** Confine your pets to stop them preying on wildlife searching for water or trying to cool down.



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