The New York State Cooperative Wildlife Health Program (WHP) is a partnership between the NYSDEC Bureau of Wildlife and Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine AHDC that works to safeguard the long-term health of the wildlife populations of New York.

**CAUSES OF DEATH**

- **Mammals**: 320 submissions
- **Birds**: 320 submissions
- **Herpetofauna**: 320 submissions

**SUBMISSIONS BY REGION**

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- **Birds**: 320 submissions
- **Herpetofauna**: 320 submissions

**TARGETED HEALTH SURVEILLANCE**

- **CWD**: 0 Positive, 0 Negative
- **Distemper**: 0 Positive, 0 Negative
- **Rabies**: 0 Positive, 0 Negative
- **Rodenticide Poisoning**: 0 Positive, 0 Negative
- **West Nile Virus**: 0 Positive, 0 Negative

**TESTS**

- **Rabies tests**: 74, 3 Positive

**Bird species**: 29, 177 submissions

**Mammal species**: 16, 143 submissions

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**WHP QUARTERLY REPORT**

Q1 - 2021 (JAN-MAR)
Chronic Wasting Disease Sampling

New York continues to conduct CWD surveillance to detect the disease at the earliest intrusion into the state. Support and participation from meat processors and taxidermists is critical for surveillance efforts. No deer were reported as positive of the 2720 tested from hunter harvest and 206 clinical suspects during the 2020-2021 season.

Songbird Salmonellosis
Another salmonellosis outbreak in feeder birds has been confirmed in NY, in pine siskins and common redpolls. Many backyard observers have contacted the WHP or submitted samples. This outbreak is a good reminder to clean or remove feeders.

Surveillance Optimization Project for Chronic Wasting Disease (SOP4CWD)
There are now 18 states and provinces involved in the CWD Surveillance Optimization Program.

Master Herpetology Certification Underway
Melissa Fadden is participating in the Amphibian Foundation’s Master Herpetology course.

Keeping YOU in the loop!
- Interested in getting the “WHP Weekly Case Reports”? Email us at cwhl@cornell.edu to get registered & keep up to date on all WHP cases! Access to the case reporting system is available to essential agency staff.
- Check out the latest WHP disease watch alerts, Wildlife 411, or Lab news impacting wildlife health at cwhl.vet.cornell.edu.