

Town of Truro – Bylaws

Subject: Wildlife Feeding Prohibition Bylaw
Bylaw Number: #B160-016
Approval Date: July 6, 2026
Departments: Planning and Development Services

Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the “Wildlife Feeding Prohibition Bylaw”.

Definitions

2. In this Bylaw:
 - (1) “attractant” means any substance or material that may attract, entice, or lure wild animals, including but not limited to:
 - (a) food, food waste, food scraps, or food remnants of any kind;
 - (b) garbage, refuse, or compostable materials;
 - (c) pet food or animal feed stored, placed, or left outdoors or in an unsecured location;
 - (d) compost bins, compost piles, or organic waste that is not properly secured;
 - (e) livestock feed, salt licks, or mineral blocks;
 - (f) birdseed or other feed scattered on the ground or placed in a manner accessible to wild animals;
 - (g) any other substance or material that, by its nature, odour, or placement, is likely to attract wild animals.
 - (2) “wild animal” means any non-domesticated mammal, bird, amphibian, reptile, or other species that occurs naturally in the wild and is not under human care. This definition excludes:
 - (a) fish, aquatic invertebrates, or marine mammals;
 - (b) domesticated animals such as cats, dogs, or livestock.

General Prohibition on Feeding Wild Animals

3. Subject to Sections 4 and 5:
 - (1) no person shall feed any deer or other wild animal;
 - (2) no person shall place or leave any food or other attractant in a location or in a manner likely to attract deer or other wild animals.

Exceptions

4. Section 3 does not apply to a person who feeds birds on private property provided that the feeding does not cause an interference with another person's use and enjoyment of their property, and the feeding occurs in a bird feeder that:
 - (1) is designed exclusively to hold feed for birds;
 - (2) reasonably limits the spillage or dispersal of feed onto the ground;
 - (3) is positioned at least 1.5 metres above the ground and located at least 2 metres away from shrubs, trees, or structures that allow easy access by wild animals; and
 - (4) contains only bird feed, including seeds, suet or nectar.
5. Sections 3 does not apply to:
 - (1) vegetable and fruit gardening for human consumption;
 - (2) ornamental plants and flowers.

Penalties

6. Any person who violates or fails to comply with any provision of this Bylaw shall, upon summary conviction, be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$250 and not more than \$1,000, and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term of not more than 30 days.

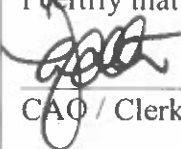
Repeal

7. Bylaw B130-005, the *Feeding of Wild Birds and Animals Bylaw*, is repealed and replaced with this Bylaw.

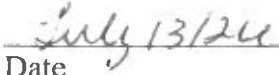
Annotations

Date of first reading:	June 1, 2026
Date of posting of notice of intent to consider:	June 23, 2026
Date of second reading:	July 6, 2026
Date of posting notice of passage of bylaw:	July 11, 2026

I certify that this Bylaw was adopted by Council and published as indicated above.



CAO / Clerk



Date

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Wildlife Feeding Prohibition By-law

Pursuant to Section 169(2)(c) of the *Municipal Government Act*, notice is hereby given that on July 6, 2026, Town Council adopted the Wildlife Feeding Prohibition By-law and repealed the existing Feeding of Wild Birds and Animals By-law #B130-005.

The purpose of the Bylaw is to establish regulations prohibiting the feeding of deer and other wild animals, as well as the placing or leaving of food or other attractants in a manner that may encourage wildlife activity within the Town.

Details are available at the Planning and Development Office, 695 Prince Street, 2nd floor, Monday through Friday. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

M. W. Dolter, CAO
July 11, 2026