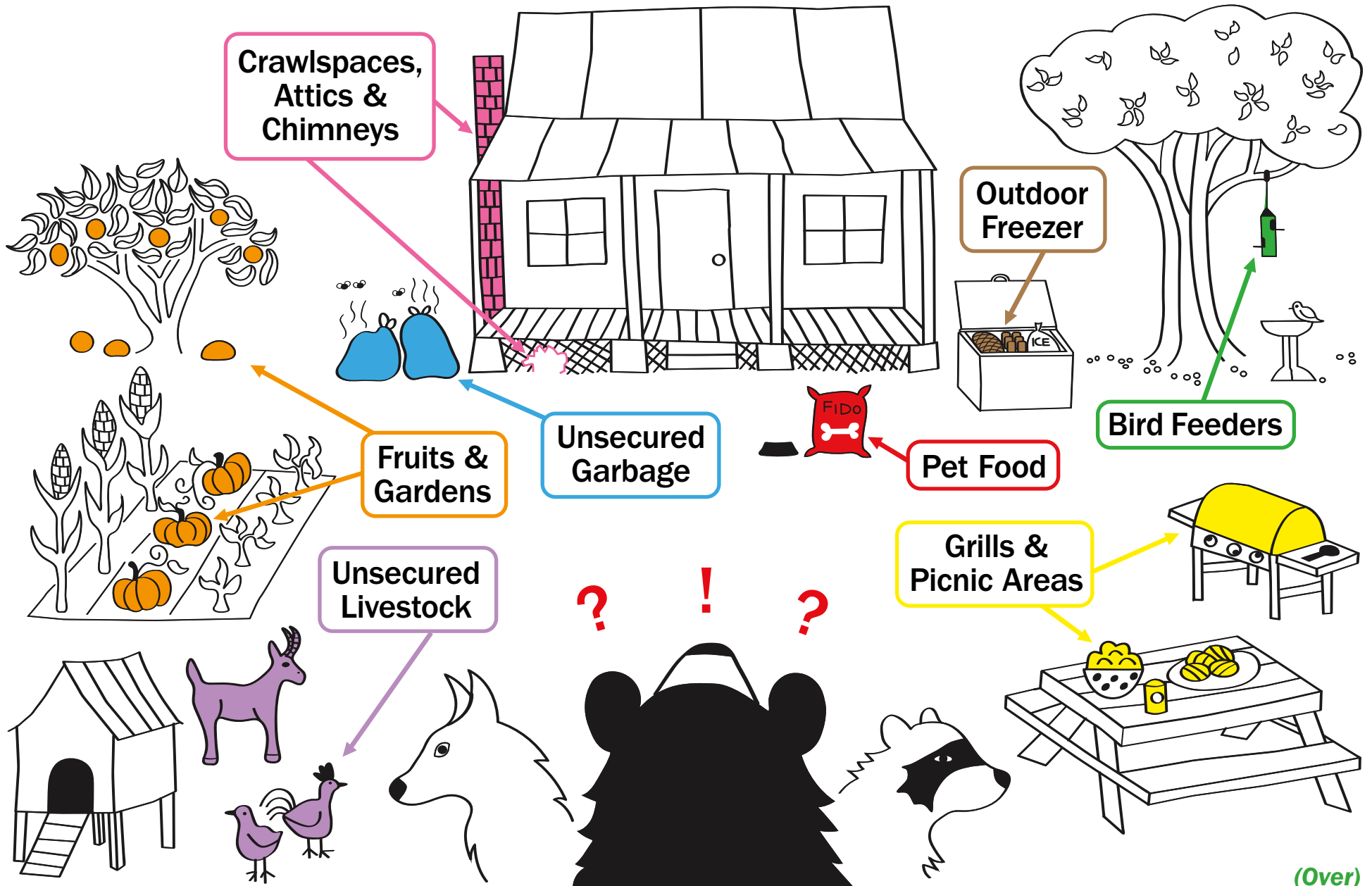


# How Wildlife Sees Your Backyard

*Be Aware, Secure These Attractants!*



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# Keep People, Pets and Wildlife Safe. Secure Your Attractants!

*If wildlife can easily find human-provided food on your property, they may lose their natural fear of people, which can lead to conflicts. Identifying and securing wildlife attractants makes your property safer for people, pets and wildlife.*

## 1. Garbage



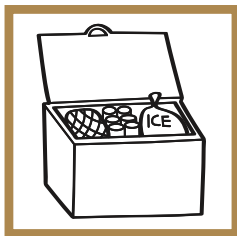
Wildlife is attracted to food smells in garbage. Use wildlife-resistant garbage cans or modify existing cans. Consider using garbage caddies. Or, keep garbage cans in a sturdy shed or garage until the morning of pickup.

## 2. Pet food



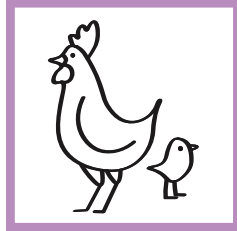
Feed pets indoors. If feeding pets outside or on a porch, remove the bowls after feeding.

## 3. Outdoor freezers & food storage



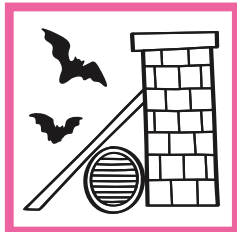
Food stored outdoors can be enticing for wildlife. Secure outdoor freezers or fridges in a closed garage or install locks.

## 4. Pets & livestock



Free-ranging pets and livestock can be an easy target for some wildlife. Keep livestock safe in a sturdy outbuilding, behind a secure fence, or with electric fencing. Supervise your pets while outdoors and use short leashes.

## 5. Crawspaces, attics & chimneys



Wildlife may seek shelter in these spaces. Be sure to patch exterior holes, as small as ½ inch, or use mesh to prevent entry. But first, make sure all animals have left your building.

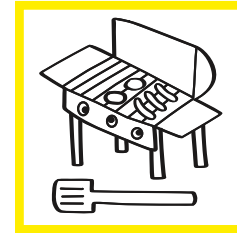
## 6. Bird feeders



Many animals feed at bird feeders. Even those that don't eat seeds are drawn by the concentration of prey. Bring in feeders at night, provide only enough seed that

can be eaten in a day and keep the ground beneath feeders clean.

## 7. Grills, smokers & picnic tables



Food smells on outdoor grills and picnic areas can attract wildlife. Clean up these areas or bring your grill into a sturdy shed or closed garage when not in use.

## 8. Fruit-bearing trees & gardens



Fruit trees and vegetable gardens can also attract wildlife. Harvest ripe fruit and remove fallen fruit. Try motion-activated alarms or electric fencing to keep wildlife from eating your fruits and vegetables.

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