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Guidance for Bear and Wildlife Sightings in Residential Areas

FAYETTEVILLE – A bear has been perched in a tree in the Hope Mills area since earlier this week and North Carolina Wildlife Resources officials are asking people to stay away from the neighborhood and not put food or water out for the animal.

“People need to go home. He will stay in the tree as long as people are coming by to look at him,” said Tom Padgett, District 4 Wildlife Biologist. “Typically what happens is that as soon as everyone forgets about the bear, he will come down after dark.”

To help prevent bears and other wildlife from appearing in your neighborhood or yards, residents should remove or secure all potential food sources including pet foods. If pets are fed outside, remove any excess food after they have finished eating. Additional tips include cleaning outdoor grills and removing bird feeders if bears are in the area.

For more information on preventing bears in residential areas, visit <http://www.ncwildlife.org/Learning/Species/Mammals/BlackBear/BearsinResidentialAreas.aspx>.

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