

WATCH FOR WILDLIFE

We have a wonderful array of Federally Protected/ Endangered Wildlife in our community, and some need special attention from drivers when the animals are on or near the roadways. (* Wildlife should never be harassed or hurt . Please remind your visitors that all Victoria Park wildlife is protected!)

Gopher Tortoises

A Gopher Tortoise will not 'jump' out of the way of an oncoming car, and may just hunker down and withdraw into its shell. It can easily be missed if a driver is not looking ahead.

Sandhill Cranes

*The Cranes will **not** fly* out of the way of an oncoming car. They walk very slowly, so please allow them time to move out of the way. They mate for life, up to two decades or more, so it's especially sad when one is killed.

Indigo Snake

The beautiful Indigo Snake (very endangered, completely harmless, and shy) will cross the roads. When it is cold, they may even warm themselves on the road. Please slow down for them.

Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake

Not yet officially "endangered", this magnificent animal (the 2nd largest snake in North America, after the Indigo) is becoming very rare because people kill them unnecessarily. Although it is venomous, it avoids humans and strikes only when threatened.

PLEASE DO NOT KILL SNAKES -- THEY PERFORM VALUABLE ROLES IN OUR
NATURAL COMMUNITIES - call Victoria Gardens resident and Naturalist, John
Serrao if you have a problem with a snake and would like it moved to a
Conservation Area (386 - 218-4018)

Your concern for our wildlife is greatly appreciated!