

# Denver Wildlife Research Center Library

Laurie Paulik

The Denver Wildlife Research Center (DWRC) Library was established in 1968 to support the research and information needs of DWRC staff located in Denver and at field stations throughout the US and abroad. In addition, the library serves regional, state, district and field offices of the Animal Damage Control Program. Service is provided to other federal libraries, academic institutions, private companies and the general public as well.

The DWRC is an internationally recognized federal research institution whose aim is to develop chemical, physical, biological or cultural methods or materials to minimize or eliminate economic damage and safety-related hazards caused by the interaction of man and wildlife. Examples of problems investigated by DWRC personnel include: deer or pocket gopher destruction of seedlings in reforestation projects, decimation of grain, sunflower, and fruit crops by blackbirds, starlings, finches, sparrows and other species, wading bird predation at fisheries in the southern US, coyote predation on domestic livestock, bird-aircraft strike hazards, and rat damage to sugarcane in Hawaii.

The monograph collection of the library contains about 8000 items and the subject matter reflects the mission and goals of the Center. The majority of materials concern the field of wildlife management and its narrower subfield, vertebrate pest management. The library contains a large number of books on various bird and mammal groups of interest to the Center such as raptors, coyotes, deer, prairie dogs, mice, voles, squirrels, etc. Information on identification, behavior, ecology, biology, diseases and control of problem species is

Laurie Paulik is a Librarian at the Denver Wildlife Research Center Library in Denver.

**Library Name:**

Denver Wildlife Research Center Library

**Address/Telephone:**

P.O. Box 25266  
Bldg. 16, Federal Center  
Denver, CO 80225  
303/236-7873

**Contact Person:**

Laurie Paulik

**Major Subject Areas:**

Wildlife Management  
Vertebrate Pest Control

**Hours:**

Monday-Friday: 7:30AM to 4:00PM

maintained. The library also selectively collects chemical, pharmacological and toxicological information, agricultural statistics, publications on endangered species and animal welfare concerns, and federal legislative and regulatory information of concern to DWRC researchers.

The library subscribes to approximately 200 journals primarily in the area of wildlife biology, pest management, and toxicology. Most frequently used journals include such titles as *Journal of Wildlife Management*, *Wildlife Society Bulletin*, *Auk*, *Analytical Chemistry*, *Bulletin of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology*, and more generalized and popular types of journals such as *Nature*, *Science*, *National Wildlife*, and *Audubon*.

There are several specialized collections within the library, including a limited number of slides, photos, films and videotapes. These materials are primarily used by staff when making presentations. The DWRC Library has an unusually large collection of American and

international theses and dissertations on vertebrate pest ecology, biology, and management. There are also special subject collections of reprints, both published and unpublished. Reprints are accessed through various in-house computerized databases. Current databases include:

*Predator Literature Database* containing over 13,000 citations on various predator species and predator control.

*Bird Damage Database* with over 10,000 citations on pest birds and their management.

Various *Pro-Cite* databases on animals and pesticides of interest to DWRC.

Publications produced by the Information and Technology Transfer Section of DWRC and available through the library are *DWRC Research Update*, *Annual Publications List*, and *Annual Highlights Report*.

The library is part of a federal research institution whose work is international in scope. As such it contains little subject matter specifically related to Colorado. The library is utilized primarily by DWRC staff, and Animal Damage Control Program offices throughout the United States. Library services are extended to international clientele on sabbatical at DWRC or in other ways cooperating with Center personnel. Visitors from Australia, Uruguay, Argentina, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and various African countries regularly seek information resources difficult to obtain in their own countries.

Though library materials do not circulate to the general public, anyone is welcome to visit the DWRC Library and use its materials during regular business hours.

**CLA**



*The specialized technical materials in the DWRC Library are utilized by Center staff, other federal agency personnel, and the general public.*

