

Wildlife crossings, from bridges to tunnels to overpasses



Roadkill is a serious problem. In the United States, wildlife causes more than one million crashes every year. Also, more than a million animals are killed every day by cars.

Another problem is that roads separate animal populations. They also destroy their habitats. It becomes hard for animals to find food.

Keeping Animals Safe

Highway crossings for animals are becoming more common. There are different kinds of crossings. Bridges, overpasses and tunnels are the most common. They reduce the number of crashes. They also give animals a safe way to cross a road.

Wildlife bridges are usually covered in plants. It makes them look natural. Animals are more likely to use them. Frog tunnels have also been built.

Wildlife crossings began in France in the 1950s. It took off in the Netherlands. More than 600 crossings have been built there.

Banff National Park is in Canada. The crossings there are more successful. 42 crossings have been built. The number of accidents went down by 80 percent.

