

Q: What resources do you have for vertebrate control in row crops?

A: There are several online resources available to you, from UC's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

1. Integrated Pest Management

Website has information on a wide variety of vertebrate pests – birds, mammals and reptiles – including biology, identification and management.

<http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/menu.vertebrate.html>

2. Best Management Practices for Ground Squirrels

<http://www.groundsquirrelbmp.com/id.html>

Includes information on biology and identification, with detailed information on management, visual “how to’s” and protecting wildlife. Other resources and links are also included.

3. UC Cooperative Extension Vertebrate Pest Management

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<http://baldwin.ucdavis.edu/extension/>

Vertebrate Pest Management Presentation: Focus is on pest management in pistachio but the presentation has good information that is relevant for row crops as well.

<http://fruitsandnuts.ucdavis.edu/files/74190.pdf>

Another resource that has valuable information for you is the Vertebrate Pest Control Research and Advisory Committee, which can be accessed at <http://vpcrac.org/>.

The committee is administered by the California Department of Food and Agriculture and is made up of representatives from various aspects of agriculture in the state. The mission is to support research and investigations on effective alternative management materials for vertebrate pests and cooperate with various agencies working in vertebrate control. Scientific research results can be found on this website. It also has a lengthy vertebrate pest management handbook.

<http://vpcrac.org/about/vertebrate-pest-handbook/>

Please feel free to contact our office with any other questions you may have.