



Subject: PRO/AH/EDR> Unknown Disease

Archive Number: 20140819.2704822

A ProMED-mail post

<http://www.promedmail.org>

ProMED-mail is a program of the
International Society for Infectious Diseases

<http://www.isid.org>

In this update:

[1] Washington

[2] California

[3] Oregon

[1] Washington

Source: Washington Game and Fish Department [edited]

Washington officials say large numbers of birds have been found dead in public parks, nature reserves and in unmanaged lands, especially within Thurston County. Total numbers of *Aphelocoma californica* found dead of unknown causes is now up to 569; *Sayornis saya* found dead of unknown causes is now up to 65; *Zonotrichia atricapilla* found dead is now up to 154; *Agelaius phoeniceus* found dead has reached 99; and the number of deceased *Poecile rufescens* has reached 54.

Health officials have advised the population to report any dead animals to the city or county department for removal.

[2] California

Source: California Department of Fish and Wildlife [edited]

Officials report several animal deaths over the state of California. San Luis Obispo County County has collected 346 dead rabbits, 212 dead *Ectopistes migratorius*, and 311 dead *Aphelocoma californica* from public lands. Animals have been sent to state labs for testing.

Humboldt County officials are reporting 54 deer dead of Lyme disease-type symptoms.

San Francisco County County officials are testing 227 dead rats, 222 dead scrub jays, and 423 dead pigeons found in yards and public lands near city centers

Los Angeles County officials have collected birds that have died in family yards. The current count is 178 backyard chickens, 201 grackles, 120 scrub jays, 54 buzzards, and 186 California thrashers. Birds are being tested for West Nile virus and related strains.

Santa Barbra County officials are reporting 650 raccoons, 112 scrub jays, 592 rats, and 1104 squirrels, all dead from unknown causes since the beginning of the year. Tests for rabies, West Nile, malaria, and yellow fever are all negative.

[3] Oregon

Source: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife [edited]

Oregon officials say large numbers of field mice, rats, pigeons, and squirrels have been found dead in public parks and near city centers throughout the state. Total numbers of rats found dead of unknown causes is now up to 447, the number of mice is 531, the number of dead pigeons is 1112, while the number of deceased squirrels has reached 698.

Health officials have advised the population to report any dead animals to the city or county department for removal.