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Topic: : Blue Herons

Re: Blue Herons

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Quote:

reds wrote:

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albud1962 wrote:

"We've been seeing herons everywhere we go," says Beth Fife. "The expanding population is really due to better water quality, more abundance of wetlands, everything."

Well yes and no. I think the Herons have discovered welfare in the form of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission. Think of it as unweaned Heron mothers and trout welfare babies. As far as conservative bashing, please take a look how our illustrious liberal governor is selling our wild areas to the Oil and gas developers. I have a feeling we aren't going to fare any better with any administration. So whether the trib is conservative or the post gazette is liberal...

Albud, no offense, but your facts are way off base. As in DC, Harrisburg republicans are in with the gas and oil companies and it is the Republicans pushing for the lease of all DCNR lands over the next three years, not Ed Rendell. This is terrible for both the state and private landowners as it will put a tremendous amount of land on the market at once causing a decline in what landowners receive. Additionally, the DEP has yet to catch up with the land being developed right now. I don't care for Rendell, personally, but his only push with the Marcellus development was to tax it, something that the republican led legislature stopped, I wonder why?

On the topic of herons sure they eat some fish, but like several others have said the numbers of herons are dictated by the availability of food if there is nothing else causing the population to drop.

Well the Governor and the state house are democrats, and many of the Governor's appointments have favored private development. I don't think either party is protecting the environment which is really my point. If you want to bash republicans go right ahead, but the truth is both parties are to blame.

Herons are eating a lot of fish. I privately stock a pond and I know this as fact; numerous heron marks are on the fish we catch there. I have busted Herons on several occasions flying off with one of my fish.

In a stream environment without the benefit of deeper water, it doesn't take long for a single heron to wipe out a recent stocking. This was evidenced from the trout location study when investigators found a pile of fish tags underneath a heron rookery. If you want to debate stocking vs wild trout management, I will say we have a long way to go with public perception of trout fishing in the state.

There is tremendous Canada geese over population, yet people continue to feed them, attract more of them and perpetuate the problem. I guess what we need is some old fashion predation. Any one for reintroducing the timber wolf or mountain lion to Pennsylvania??

My problem is with people praising the over population of these animals as some sort of ecological triumph. It really isn't.