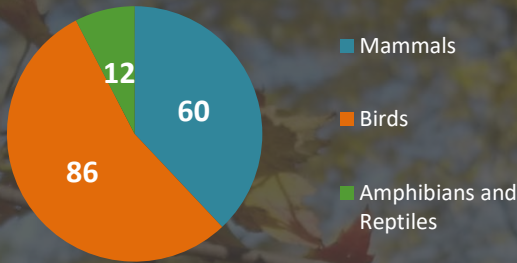




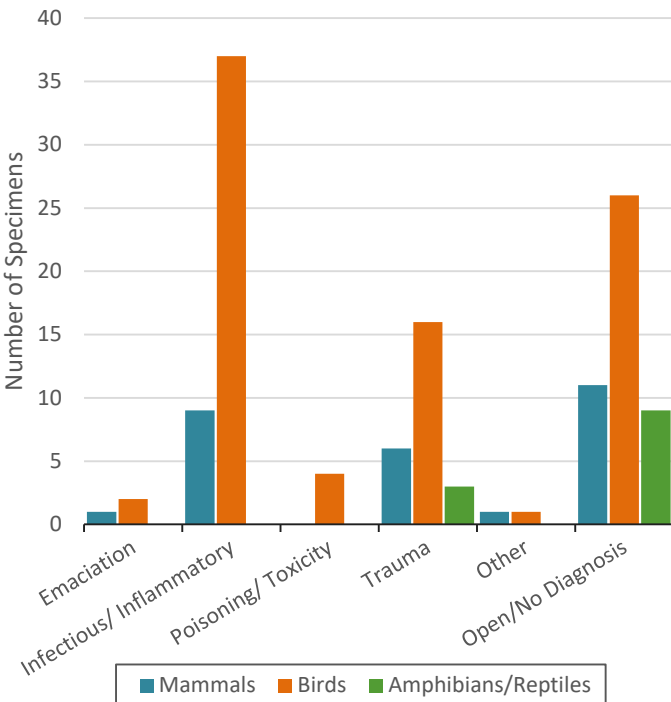
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## SPECIMEN submission summary

- **158 Specimens Submitted**
- **32/158 for Special Projects**
- **354 Calls to CWHC Wildlife Hotline**



## CAUSE of death (excluding special project cases)



## SELECTED disease counts

TESTED	POSITIVE	NOTES
<b>AVIAN INFLUENZA VIRUS - DEAD BIRD SURVEILLANCE</b>		
27	0 Matrix Positive 0 H5 Positive 0 H7 Positive	None of the birds tested for AIV were positive by Matrix PCR.
<b>WEST NILE VIRUS</b>		
44	21	Twenty-one of the birds tested for West Nile Virus were positive by PCR.
<b>RABIES</b>		
23	2	There were 2 Big Brown Bats confirmed positive for Rabies by the CFIA. <b>Includes special project.</b>
<b>AVIAN AVULAVIRUS (PARAMYXOVIRUS-1)</b>		
6	0	There were 0 positive cases of Avian Avulavirus (NewCastle Disease) in this quarter.
<b>CANINE DISTEMPER VIRUS</b>		
3	2	There were 2 positive cases of Canine Distemper Virus in this quarter. <b>Totals include special project cases</b>
<b>CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE</b>		
1	0	None of the cervids tested positive for CWD by ELISA testing.

**NOTE:** Animals reported represent the data currently available in the CWHC database and should be considered preliminary. These data do not include all diagnostic testing for the selected pathogens carried out in Ontario. Additional testing is performed by other agencies and organizations.





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## **CWHC Plastics Surveillance Program**

In conjunction with the Environmental Protection Branch of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and the Plastics Science Initiative, the CWHC will begin plastics monitoring among wildlife, specifically the detection, quantification, characterization of plastics in the environment. This project will grow the capacity for national monitoring and surveillance of plastics that entangle or are ingested by wildlife among CWHC's regional centres. Plastics monitoring could provide an ongoing indicator of wildlife health, environmental impacts, and potential human health risks. For more information on our plastics program and on the importance of monitoring plastics pollution in wildlife, please see our [press release](#) or visit our website and read our most recent [article on plastics](#).

## **New Acting Executive Director**

As of July 1, 2020, Patrick Zimmer, CWHC National Office Director and Chief Operating Officer was appointed acting Executive Director. Patrick has been with the CWHC for the better part of two decades, developing and overseeing national programs and implementing the CWHC's transition towards a health intelligence and knowledge mobilization network. Together with Craig Stephen he co-wrote the National Framework for Action for Wildlife Health in Canada, the original impetus for what would eventually become the Pan-Canadian Approach to Wildlife Health. For more information and to follow updates on wildlife health, please visit our [website](#).

## **Wildlife Health and COVID-19 in Canada**

In conjunction with our partners at Environment and Climate Change Canada the CWHC has developed recommendations on bat handling while managing risks of infecting bats with SARS-CoV-2. Please review our documentation for additional information which can be found [here](#).

