

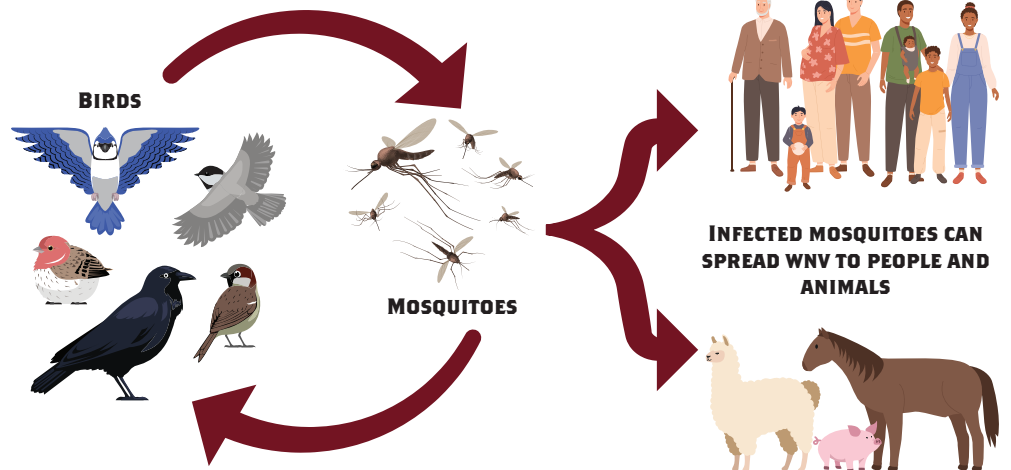
# DEAD BIRDS WANTED



PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY FROM WEST NILE VIRUS.

Birds play an important role in maintaining West Nile virus in the environment.

*You can play a role in its detection!*



**SUBMIT DEAD BIRDS** to your local public health office from mid-March through November.



For more information and submission instructions:  
[dph.sc.gov/birdtesting](http://dph.sc.gov/birdtesting)

- Birds can get **West Nile virus** and other viruses from mosquito bites, causing some birds to die.
- **Mosquitoes**, not birds, infect people with West Nile virus.
- Tracking the virus in dead birds alerts the South Carolina Department of Public Health to **virus activity in your area**.
- Early warnings help local governments and mosquito control agencies protect people from **getting sick or dying** from West Nile virus.

## DEAD BIRDS REQUESTED:

- Crows
- House Sparrows
- House Finches
- Other Songbirds