

# How to lost proof your child

By J Wayne Fears

Outdoorsmen and women are passionate about instilling their love for hunting, fishing and other outdoor pursuits in their children. But, with adventure in the outdoors comes risk, and one of the most terrifying is losing a child.

Now available to you is a printed text designed to educate and help prevent one of the most alarming situations anyone may find themselves. How To Lost Proof Your Child by J. Wayne Fears provides resources aimed at preventing a lost-child situation as well as steps to be taken to save time, resources and human life in the case of a missing child.

It has been said that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. If you or someone you know has ever been involved in trying to locate a lost child, you know this statement certainly holds true.

"It is far easier to prepare yourself and your child for a lost-child situation than it is to go through the trauma of having a child missing," Fears says.

In the guidebook, Fears adapts his great knowledge of wilderness survival to the goal of lost-proofing the child. He divides the book into lost-proofing in suburbia and lost-proofing in the woods. In the section on suburbia, Fears covers possible scenarios such as malls, public events, schools and sporting and church events. He discusses the reasons children wander off as well as providing strategies that teach safe behavior to children. He then provides a clear and perhaps life-saving procedure to follow if a child is lost. When

discussing lost-proofing in the back country, Fears draws upon his wilderness expertise to provide the most thorough approach including strategies, rules each child must learn, practice and follow, proper visible clothing, and the building of a child's survival kit. Fears' discusses what to do if your child is missing and how lost children move. The book also provides a thorough discussion on hypothermia.

Pick up your copy today. Lost-Proofing Your Child is a must-have book for anyone who enjoys the great outdoors and wants to share it with a child.

### FACTS:

7 out of every 10 children will become lost at some point in their childhood

Fewer than 9% of the parents or guardians of children are prepared for a lost-child situation

Over 2000 children get lost in the U.S every day

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### Who's been digging in my yard?

By Myron Wiley

Have you ever walked out into your well-kept yard and found the sod dimpled by a multitude of cone-shaped craters several inches deep and wide? How about mulch around shrubbery plowed up and scattered or small plants in your garden destroyed and the entire area looking as if rooted up by hogs? If so, you likely have been visited by a nine-banded armadillo (*Dasypus novemcinctus*). This species is one of about 20 existing species of armadillo originally from South America. The nine-banded armadillo is the only one

of these species found in the United States.

Armadillos are about the size of a house cat or opossum, but pound for pound, these animals can do nearly as much damage as a feral hog when it comes to digging up the yard. By scientific classification, the nine-banded armadillo belongs to the order Cingulata, which is a group of animals that also includes the anteaters and sloths of South America. The majority of their diet consists of beetles, grubs, earthworms, and other soil insects and invertebrates. These food items are what attract armadillos to lawns, flower beds, and gardens. Armadillos locate these subterranean animals with extremely keen senses of smell and hearing. Prey is unearthed with large claws on short, stout legs specifically adapted for digging, and are captured with thick, sticky saliva on the armadillo's tongue.

The armadillo's voracious appetite for insects is not all bad. Many of the creatures they consume are known to be lawn and garden pests that can do considerable damage to yards and gardens. For example, it is common to see a crater in the top of a fire ant mound where it has been dug open by an armadillo searching for ant eggs, developing larvae and adult ants.

Armadillos are known locally by many other common names. The bony



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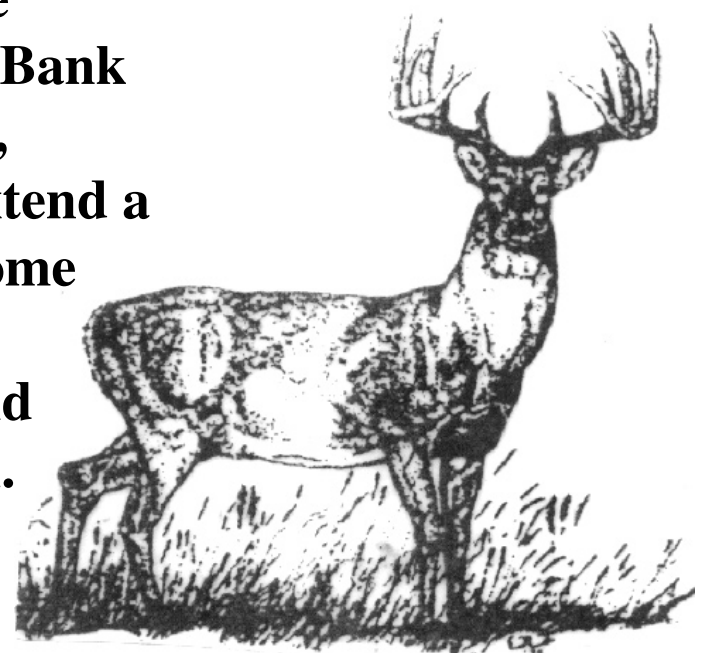
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