

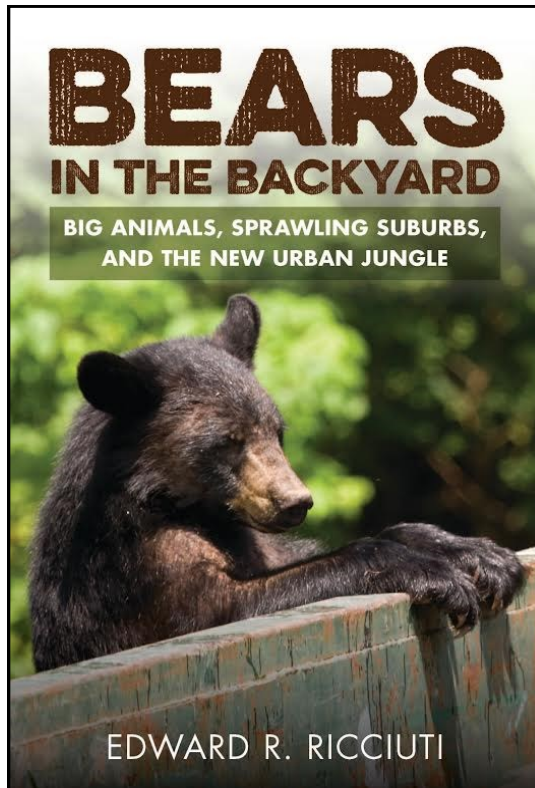
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Edward R. Ricciuti

DISCUSSING


Bears in the Backyard

Big Animals,
Sprawling Suburbs,
and the
New Urban Jungle



Thursday, September 3, 2015
6:30 PM on the Sixth Floor


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As a bear wandering in Yonkers and coyotes prowling Manhattan indicate, fang and claw have jumped the white picket fence in the suburbs and even entered the urban core. It is not just a New York phenomenon. Encounters with cougars in Chicago, alligators in Florida, and bears virtually everywhere have become increasingly commonplace. Author **Edward Ricciuti** explores cutting-edge research into why it's happening, how it impacts all of us, and how to deal with it on both societal and personal levels.

As cities and suburbs sprawl, and conservation efforts enable wildlife populations to recover, large wild animals are encroaching on human turf. These creatures might be thrilling to see, but they can bite, scratch, and even kill, and attacks on humans will only increase as we come face to face in the man-made landscape.

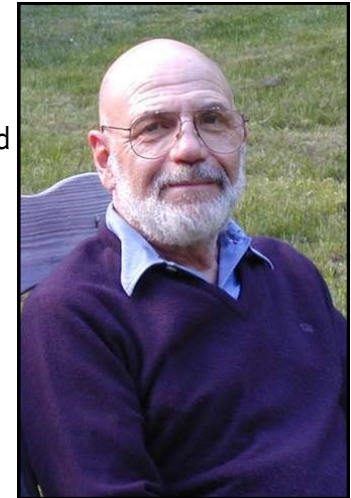
The audience will learn how to protect against potential dangers even as they are being thoroughly entertained by hair-raising tales of real-life encounters

About the presenter:

Edward R. Ricciuti is a science journalist, naturalist, and former curator at the New York Zoological Society (now the Wildlife Conservation Society) who has covered wildlife issues around the world.

He has written more than 70 books and thousands of periodical articles for adults and young people. His book publishers include Doubleday, Avon, Harper & Row, Scholastic and St. Martin's. Among his writing specialties are natural history, investigative reporting on conservation and the environment, wildlife management, wildlife law enforcement, outdoor health and safety and problems facing imperiled species and environments. Periodical credits for him include *Audubon*, *Arts & Entertainment Magazine* @ *Program Guide*, *National Wildlife*, *Zillions*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *Wildlife Conservation*, *Field & Stream* and *USA Today*.

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