2012 Residential Environmental Program Series.

Wild Shots: Local Wildlife Photos.

Wednesday, April 11, 7–9 p.m. Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Dr.

(Preregistration is not necessary for this free program.)

Discover the amazing behavior and diversity of wildlife captured on cameras in local natural areas. Since 2009, remote, self-triggering cameras have been quietly clicking away day and night at Bobcat Ridge Natural Area, revealing wild animals in their natural surroundings.

The cameras were set up as part of a research project and continue to reveal surprises, including unexpected species sightings and a wide diversity of wildlife that share the trails with human visitors.

The cameras are monitored by volunteers with the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Department and students and teachers from Rocky Mountain High School (RMHS). The experiences and photographs are shared with other students and incorporated into science education.

The wildlife camera project at Bobcat Ridge Natural Area is part of a larger program—Communities, Cameras and Conservation—facilitated by the Rocky Mountain Cat Conservancy. This program also includes similar projects at Horsetooth Mountain Park, Lory State Park and Estes Park.

For more information, visit fcgov.com/reps, e-mail utilities@fcgov.com, call (970) 221-6700 or TDD (970) 224-6003.



Presenters:

Deborah Price, public programs educator for the Natural Areas Department, coordinates the project at Bobcat Ridge Natural Area and serves as a liaison between the Rocky Mountain Cat Conservancy, Rocky Mountain High School and Natural Areas Department.

Bonnie Greenwood and Tory Wilson set up the cameras at Bobcat Ridge in June 2009 to study the impact of human presence on wildlife behavior.

Carol Seemueller and Scott Kemp teach science at RMHS and have taken students to Bobcat Ridge to check the cameras since 2009.

