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## **Upcoming Events**

- National Carcass
   Disposal Symposium
   2006: Connecting
   Research, Policy and
   Response
   Dec 04 Dec 07, 2006
   Beltsville, MD
- Fourth Annual "One Medicine" Symposium Public Health,
  Agriculture and Wildlife:
  The Common Thread
  Dec 06 Dec 07, 2006
  Durham, NC



Highlights

Available WDIN RSS
Feeds

Subscribe to these feeds to discover what is new with WDIN without having to visit the web site. The available RSS feeds include:

- New WDIN Content Last 20 new resources added
- Avian Influenza Last 20 Al resources added
- CWD Content Last 20 CWD resources added
- HEDDS Updates Latest surveillance news and sampling totals
- WDIN Blog Latest wildlife disease news posts

## WDIN has RSS Feeds – Great!? What is an RSS Feed?

The Wildlife Disease Information Node has recently begun to provide RSS feeds. RSS is defined as Real Simple Syndication or Rich Site Summary. These RSS feeds provide subscribers a quick overview whenever any new content has been added to the WDIN web site or blog. So how does it work? All you need is an RSS Reader or Aggregator and an RSS feed. The University of California, Santa Cruz, Science and Engineering Library provides an easy to follow tutorial on how to subscribe to RSS feeds.

Before you can subscribe to a feed, you will need an RSS reader. There are many available on-line.

Bloglines is provided as an example in the tutorial with two step-by-step short videos. Once you have an RSS reader account (most are free) you can start subscribing to RSS feeds, and they are everywhere!

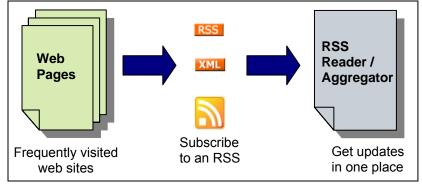


Diagram of how RSS can consolidate your news

The tutorial provides an example of the kinds of feeds available from science news sites (e.g. PLoS Biology, New Scientist), article databases (e.g. PubMed) and journal tables of contents (e.g. Nature, CDC Emerging Infectious Diseases).

What does the RSS reader do? It houses and organizes all your different news and content feeds into one place where you can quickly skim headlines and select items to read further. It is like patching together your own newspaper using sources you choose.

As you are surfing your favorite web sites, check to see if they provide RSS feeds. This is indicated by the little orange RSS or XML icon. Have fun building your collection of RSS feeds to stay current on wildlife disease and other issues.

## New Resources Added to the WDIN Web Site

- The Avian Incident Monitoring System Pesticides and Bird Searchable Database [Web Resource]
- Susceptibility of North American Ducks and Gulls to H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (free-full text available) Viruses Emerging Infectious Diseases. 2006 November; 12(11): 1663-70 [Journal Article]
- Rapid Diagnosis of Avian Influenza (AI) and Assessment of Pathogenicity of Avian H5 and H7
  Subtypes by Molecular Methods (free-full text available) Developments in Biologicals. 2006;
  126:171-7; discussion 326-7. [Journal Article]
- Interspecies Transmission of Chronic Wasting Disease Prions to Squirrel Monkeys (Saimiri sciureus) (free full-text available) Journal of Virology 2005 Nov;79(21):13794-6 [Journal Article]
- Disposal of Domestic Birds Infected by Avian Influenza An Overview of Considerations and Options [Web Resource]
- Avian Influenza Experts Talk about the Threat of a Global Bird-Flu Epidemic [Web Resource]
- Learn about Funding and Planning for Avian Influenza in Your State [Web Resource]

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