

Department of Natural Resources SCI-MIC Supported Research Projects 2013 Progress Reports

Predator Prey Project

This cooperative study with Mississippi State University investigating the role of predators, winter weather, and habitat on deer fawn survival in the Upper Peninsula is one of the best documented research projects conducted by the Michigan DNR. You can find progress reports and links to technical publications from this research project on the project's website:

<http://www.fwrc.msstate.edu/carnivore/predatorprey/index.asp>

This website can also be found by going to the SCI MIC site and linking from there.

<http://www.scimic.org/projects.html>

We would also like to call your attention to a couple of other sources of information on the project. First, we have been working with SCI on a 'blog' for the SCI Foundation's website. These blogs provide a brief description of some of our data collection methods.

Below, please find the link for our second 'blog' on SCIF's website. This entry provides a general description of our methods for estimating fawn survival.

<http://firstforwildlife.wordpress.com/2013/09/17/estimating-white-tailed-deer-fawn-survival-in-michigan/>

Follow the link below if you missed our first blog on estimating bobcat abundance:

<http://firstforwildlife.wordpress.com/2013/07/25/estimating-bobcat-abundance-in-michigan/>

Second, SCI and Westphal Productions have put together a nice video (about 7 minutes) that provides an overview of the project and has some great footage. You can view the video on the project's Facebook page (follow the link below and look for the September 27, 2013 entry):

<https://www.facebook.com/MIpredprey>