



# THE LIFE CYCLE OF COMMON MINNESOTA PESTS AND WILDLIFE

AN EDUCATIONAL GUIDE FOR PROPERTY MANAGERS



Understanding the life cycles of common pests is essential for effective prevention and management in Minnesota properties. Property managers who are aware of seasonal behaviors can take proactive measures to minimize infestations and protect tenants, structures, and operations.

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# Why Life Cycle Knowledge Matters



Identifies peak activity periods for preventive measures



Helps schedule inspections, treatments, and maintenance appropriately



Supports Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies



Reduces emergency interventions and long-term damage



# Life Cycles of Common Minnesota Pests & Wildlife

## Ants

- Life cycle: Egg → Larva → Pupa → Adult (4–6 weeks per cycle)
- Seasonal notes: Active in spring and summer with occasional resurgences in the winter.
- Property management tip: Seal cracks and maintain sanitation before peak activity

## Cockroaches

- Life cycle: Egg case (ootheca) → Nymph → Adult (approx. 2–4 months)
- Seasonal notes: Can persist year-round indoors
- Property management tip: Regular inspections of kitchens, break rooms, and mechanical areas

## Rodents (Mice & Rats)

- Life cycle: Gestation 19–23 days; multiple litters per year
- Seasonal notes: Rodents seek warmth in fall/winter, food year-round
- Property management tip: Seal gaps, monitor activity, remove attractants



## **Squirrels**

- Life cycle: Gestation ~44 days; 1–2 litters per year
- Seasonal notes: Active year-round; more likely to seek attic entry in fall
- Property management tip: Inspect rooflines and attic access points before cold weather

## **Raccoons**

- Life cycle: Gestation ~63 days; usually 2–5 kits per litter
- Seasonal notes: Seek shelter in attics or rooflines in fall/winter
- Property management tip: Reinforce roofline access points and chimney caps

## **Birds (Pigeons & Starlings)**

- Life cycle: Egg → Hatchling → Fledgling → Adult (4–6 weeks)
- Seasonal notes: Nesting peaks in spring/summer
- Property management tip: Install deterrents and maintain roofline inspections

## **Bats**

- Life cycle: Single pup per year; maternity colonies in spring/summer
- Seasonal notes: Active in warmer months, seek shelter in fall/winter
- Property management tip: Inspect attic and roofline entry points; install bat-friendly exclusion measures



## **Using Life Cycle Knowledge for Property Management**

- Schedule preventive inspections before pest activity peaks
- Implement exclusion measures timed with breeding cycles
- Adjust sanitation protocols seasonally to minimize attractants
- Use monitoring and traps strategically based on pest development stages

## **Common Mistakes Property Managers Make**

- Treating pest issues reactively rather than proactively
- Ignoring seasonal behaviors of pests
- Failing to coordinate inspections with maintenance schedules
- Using short-term treatments without long-term exclusion planning



## Partnering with Professionals

Professional pest control partners can:

- Provide detailed life cycle-based risk assessments
- Implement IPM strategies
- Conduct seasonal inspections and preventive maintenance
- Offer eco-friendly and sustainable solutions

Abra Kadabra's team leverages Minnesota-specific knowledge of pest life cycles to create effective, long-term property management solutions.

## In Conclusion

Knowledge of pest life cycles empowers property managers to act proactively, reduce infestations, and maintain safe, healthy properties year-round. For expert guidance, inspections, and seasonal planning, Abra Kadabra is your trusted partner for Minnesota properties. Minnesota-tested. IPM-focused. Property manager-ready.