



**WANTED:
DEAD OR ALIVE**

*This tree provides
a bounty for wildlife.*

Dear SJPT Supporter,

The value of snags (dead or dying trees) as “wildlife trees” cannot be underestimated. As a tree dies and slowly decays, it can support a succession of different plant and animal communities. Cavities excavated in the dying trees by woodpeckers and other insect-hungry birds provide valuable nesting habitat for a wide variety of species from squirrels, bats and owls to bluebirds and wood ducks. If enhancing wildlife habitat is one of your goals for your property, you might want to keep those snags intact. For more information on managing for these “critter high-rises,” please contact our Stewardship Director, Dean Dougherty, at deand@sjpt.org or 360.376.7133.