



### **The bambification of wildlife and woodlands**

It is a fact that, in modern landscapes shaped by humans, deer populations need controlling in order to maintain something resembling an ecological balance. I am intellectually aware of this fact. However, looking at the above image, all I can feel is a motherly instinct to protect this beautiful and fragile creature. Followed by a heart-wrenching sadness as I think of Bambi, and its mother's death.

Probably my entire generation will experience a similar heart / mind dilemma, to a point where Ralph H. Lutt wrote a paper called *The Trouble with Bambi: Walt Disney's Bambi and the American Vision of Nature* (1992).

He argues that the image of Bambi is so engraved in our mind that it has greatly shaped people's attitude towards woodlands, wildlife, and deer, in particular. And the death of Bambi's mother is a wound that we all seem to carry in our hearts; which makes the task of finding a positive PR approach for deer control rather challenging.

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Note that our general editorial deadline for our December issue is the 10th of November. If you would like to pitch an article idea, please do so by the end of October. [Stefanie.kaiser@confor.org](mailto:Stefanie.kaiser@confor.org)