

CHICKS OF KEY WEST



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Chickens have you frustrated?

We are here to help! Some tips:

- **NEVER** feed them! If you do, they will stay in your area. Help educate neighbors around you not to feed them as well. If they are not fed, they usually will keep moving.
- Don't interfere with mother nature; meaning, if a hawk attempts to catch a chicken, let it! This is difficult to watch but the hawk needs to eat too. This is nature's way of naturally reducing the chicken population. Never take a bird away from a hawk trying to "save" it. Often times the captured prey is so injured, it will die anyway. The result will be the hawk losing its meal and the prey losing its life.
- Secure the perimeter of your house, blocking areas that chickens can get under to lay eggs. If you do find eggs, they can be discarded. Chickens lay eggs over a period of a couple weeks before they even start to incubate them, so likely there are not baby chicks inside the eggs. This will help to control the population. Eggs can also be brought to the wildlife center for disposal.

If all else fails, and you are finding chickens to be a nuisance in your area, the wildlife center rents traps for a \$100 REFUNDABLE deposit. The residents catch the chickens, bring them to the center, and they are eventually re-located outside of the keys. They are adopted out to permanent homes where they are kept as pets; they are NOT killed.

