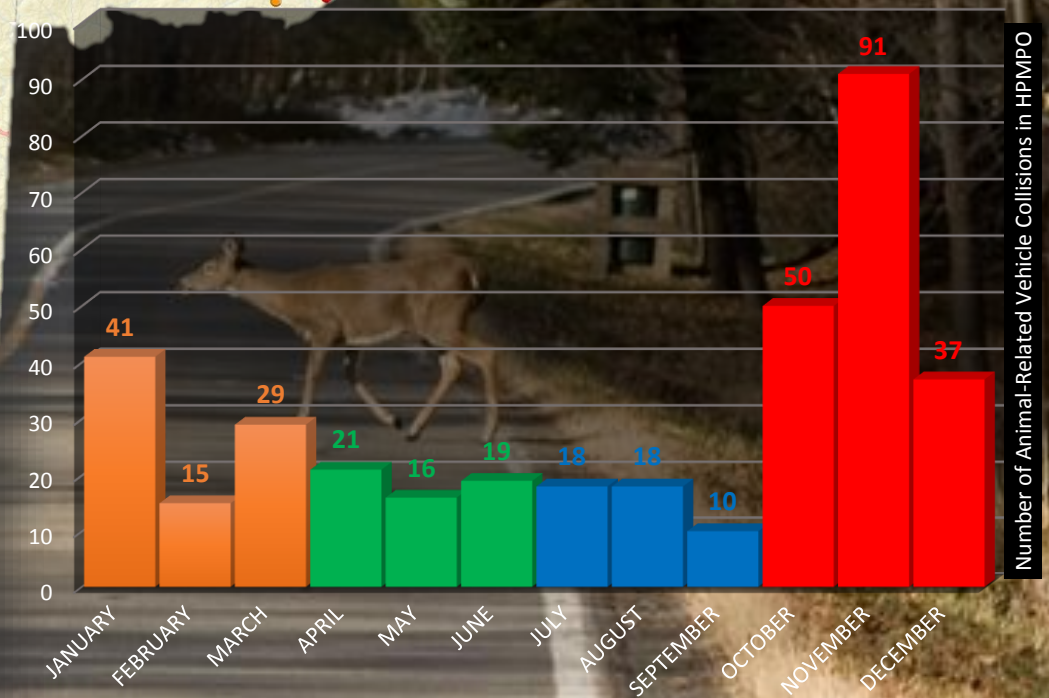
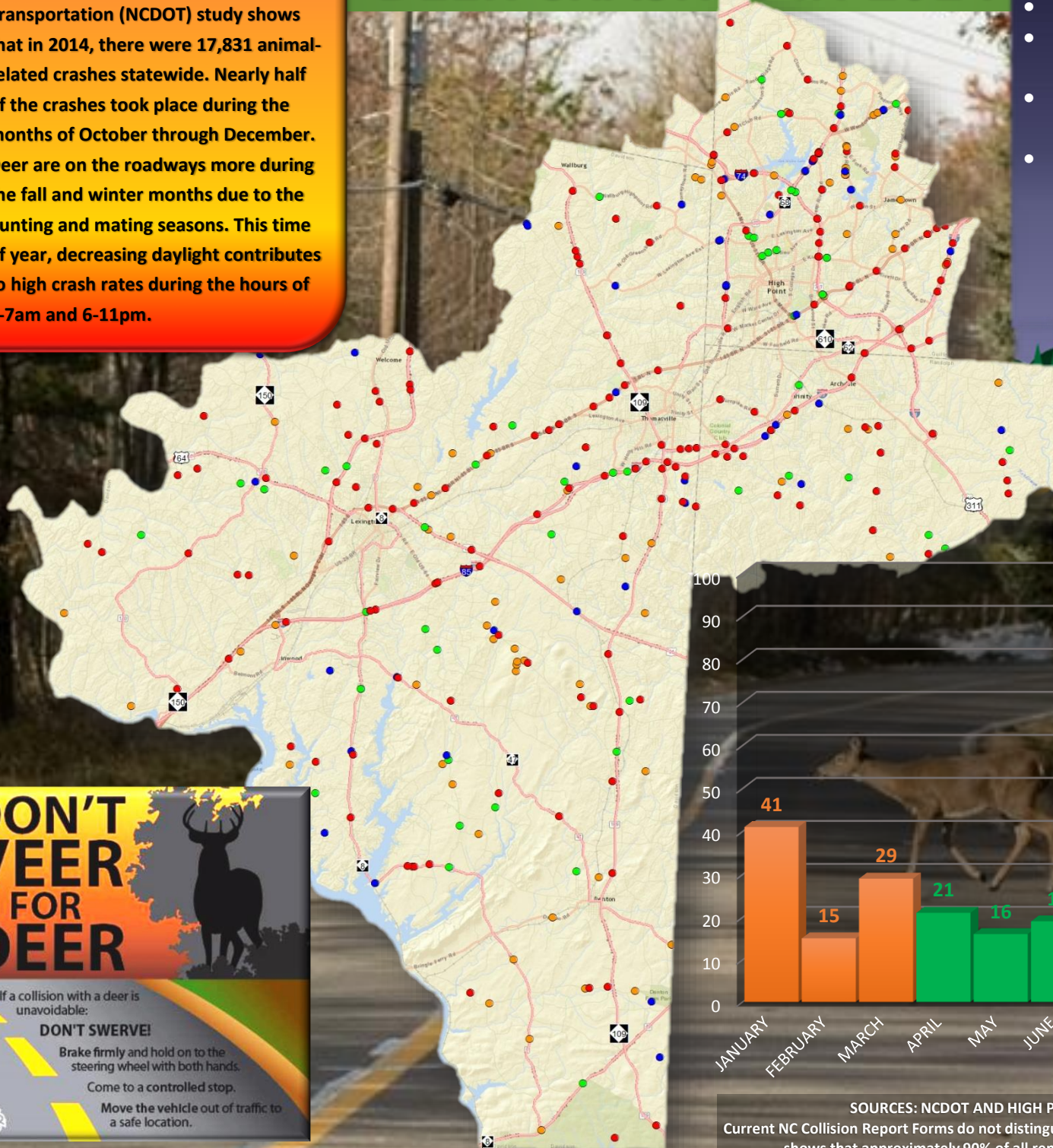


DEER CRASHES IN 2014

A North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) study shows that in 2014, there were 17,831 animal-related crashes statewide. Nearly half of the crashes took place during the months of October through December. Deer are on the roadways more during the fall and winter months due to the hunting and mating seasons. This time of year, decreasing daylight contributes to high crash rates during the hours of 5-7am and 6-11pm.

DRIVING TIPS

- Always wear your seat belt.
- Slow down and be extra cautious at dawn and dusk.
- Use high beam headlights if there's no oncoming traffic.
- Most deer-related crashes occur near bridges or overpasses, railroad tracks, streams, and ditches.



Number of Animal-Related Vehicle Collisions in HPMPO

DON'T VEER FOR DEER

If a collision with a deer is unavoidable:

DON'T SWERVE!

Brake firmly and hold on to the steering wheel with both hands.

Come to a controlled stop.

Move the vehicle out of traffic to a safe location.

SOURCES: NCDOT AND HIGH POINT DOT 2014 CRASH REPORTS
 Current NC Collision Report Forms do not distinguish between animal types. However, data analyses shows that approximately 90% of all reported animal related crashes involve deer.