

Wild Bird Rehabilitation
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Trivia Night & Silent Auction, Friday October 22

Trivia Night is back! We hope you'll join us this year for a fun night to help birds! We're at the **Kirkwood Community Center** for Wild Bird Rehabilitation's major fundraising event of the year. Have a great time with friends and family and shop for unique auction items and experiences which include adventures, bird-themed items, guided tours, photography, home décor, crafts and more.

The silent auction begins at 6 pm and Trivia starts at 7 pm. Trivia teams consist of eight members and cash is awarded to the first and second place teams. You can purchase your tickets today on our website at

www.wildbirdrehab.org/trivia-registration-2021.

Register online with a credit card or print the Table Registration Form on p. 3 and mail with your check. We welcome your donations to the Silent Auction and sponsorship opportunities are available. Email wbrtrivia@gmail.com or call (314)426-6400 for additional information or any questions.



All proceeds benefit songbirds – like these Ruby-Throated Hummingbird orphans!

Help Save Birds!

You can help by using the enclosed envelope to send your tax-deductible donation or visit our website www.wildbirdrehab.org. WBR receives no federal or state funding.



Wild Bird Chatter

Newsletter of Wild Bird Rehabilitation

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*Please call before you bring
in a bird*

Hours of Operation
Daily
7 am – 7 pm

www.wildbirdrehab.org



Wild Bird Rehabilitation's mission is to ensure survival of native songbirds through professional medical care and education regarding their value and needs.

Join the Movement!

Increasingly gardeners are realizing the importance of adding native plants and trees to their landscape. Habitat loss is one of the most serious threats to birds and other wildlife and it's important that we band together to fill the void created by this development.



Downy Woodpecker foraging for insects.

A New Approach to Conservation

Douglas Tallamy, an entomologist and leader in the native plant movement proposes we take a new approach to conservation which begins in our backyard. By abandoning alien plants and returning to natives we can play a critical role. In *Nature's Best Hope* he points out that 83% of the United States is in private hands. Therefore, conservation must happen on private property from the smallest yard to the largest corporate landscape. It takes

more than parks and public conservation areas to fulfill the need for native plants and trees.

Birds & Insects

One of the critical components of a bird's diet is protein and insects fulfill this need. To native songbirds the insects most beneficial and desirable are the native insects who feast on native plants and trees. Insects eat plants with which they share an evolutionary history. The mighty oak tree supports 534 species of butterflies and moths, thus supplying a diverse supply of bird food. The non-native Asian mimosa feeds only 3 species of caterpillar.

Why not both native and alien plants? Alien plants steal resources from native plants. In our area we've seen alien plants and trees such as Bush Honeysuckle and Callery "Bradford" Pear overtake forests and parks and require a tremendous amount of effort to remove them.

Where do we start?

To discover native plants for your landscape refer to <https://mdc.mo.gov/trees-plants/native-plants-your-landscape>. To find space for your natives, Tallamy suggests shrinking the lawn by half. Any ecological benefit of a lawn (which is negligible) is far outweighed by the resources and chemicals used to maintain it. Also, remove invasive species stealing resources from our native plants and trees. For advice contact Bring Conservation Home <https://stlouisaudubon.org/BCH/>.

This investment will make your yard a haven for birds and butterflies!



Cedar Waxwing feasting on pokeberries from the WBR native plant garden!

In Honor of...In Memory of

In Honor of Debby Martin

Margaret Cooper
Anne Munroe

In Honor of Becky Maltman

David Maltman
Anonymous

In Honor of Nelson & Leslie Wainwright

Chuck Hilse & Chris Carroll

In Honor of Anna Harris

Theresa Galakatos

In Honor of Robyn Young

Julia Wankel

In Honor of Mary K & James J Guilfooy

Margaret Guilfooy Tyler

In Honor of Dave & Gerry Ellis

Carole Thompson

In Honor of Diane Bricmont

Janis Valdes

In Honor of Alberta McGilligan

Jay Delsing

In Honor of Bobbi Tayloe

Rob Tayloe

In Honor of Steve B.

Kevin Kitchell

In Honor of Jessica & Kelli Uhl

Kimberly Schlau

Honor of Goostav & Cleo

Adrian Martin

In Memory of Tucker "Tuck"

Wayne Thomas Bryant

In Memory of Marilyn Folkl

Mr & Mrs John Folkl

In Memory of Our Katie Girl

Debbie Heath

In Memory of

Marlene Hufmann-Hurt

Jim & Donna Short

In Memory of Jo Ann Flottmann

Bill Flottmann

In Memory of Betty J Blankmann

Robert Blankmann

In Memory of Rosie Lee Phillips

Judy Phillips

In Memory of Ginny Nestor

Mary Kriegshauser

In Memory of Nancy Sheridan Carter

Linda Clark

Mac and Lynn Carter

Elizabeth Cochran

Sally Dannov

Katha and Rick Allison

Nancy Giulvezan

Robert and Brenda Deakin

Chad Sheridan

Todd and Kristen Johnson

Jennifer Hamrick

Jan Hamilton

Ian Ryan

Shea Ryan

Dale and Chris Green

Judith Myers

Juanita Jahn

Diane & Michael Doster

Elizabeth Carter

Shari Curran

Barbara Sheridan

& Ron Barnes

Mary Woodcock

Debbie & Tom O'Brien

Marietta & Jack Cerrone

Steven & Debra Sheridan

Joan Martin

Kathleen Hefner

Sharon Zinser

Linda Vanover

Patricia Ham

In Memory of Rosie, our sweet cat

Cynthia Bechtel

In Memory of Tempest who loved birds

Glen Stockwell

In Memory of Sweet Magoo

Michele Martise

Volunteer Corner

Let's take a peek behind the scenes at the various duties Volunteers perform at WBR. Volunteers feed birds, may wrap a wounded wing and then release the bird but there is more to the story.

It begins with a conversation between the Rescuer (maybe you?) and WBR's Phone Team. If the determination is made to bring the bird or birds to the hospital, a patient admittance form is completed by the Rescuer and a member of the WBR medical team admits the bird by weighing, identifying the species and determining any medications. These factors determine the bird's diet; a diet card accompanies the bird throughout its stay. Now we need a clean basket or cage – depending on the birds age and size. Volunteers are constantly cleaning: cages, baskets, food dishes and of course the floors. A baby bird will change homes as it grows, an injured bird may be in a basket to avoid re-injury and later advance to a flight cage and the aviary.

Volunteers maintain our computer database of patients and inform Rescuers of the bird's disposition. Normally juvenile birds are handfed until they are observed self-feeding. When they pass a flight test and are self-feeding, they are eligible for release, usually after a 5 week stay. Purchasing supplies and food is a challenge since the mix of bird species changes from year to year. And if water birds are in the mix minnows are necessary! Release is the next step and that involves determining the area most conducive to the bird's diet and habits. As you can see it takes a team of dedicated individuals who are specialists in the functions they perform at WBR and who all team-up to provide successful songbird rehabilitation!



Red-winged Blackbird nestling warms up in the incubator.

Trivia Night & Silent Auction Table & Seat Reservations

Friday Oct 22, 2021 Kirkwood Community Center

6 pm Silent Auction 7 pm Trivia

I would like to reserve ____ **tables** (at \$250 each) = \$ _____ (table of 8)

I would like to reserve ____ **seats** (at \$35 each) = \$ _____

PAYMENT IS REQUIRED TO RESERVE YOUR SEATS AND TABLE(S).

My check (made payable to *Wild Bird Rehabilitation*) is enclosed for the total amount of \$ _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

**Please mail payment and completed form by October 15 to:
Wild Bird Rehabilitation, 9624 Midland Blvd, Overland, MO 63114**

SUMMER INTERN POSITIONS

Position responsibilities include:

- ◇ the rehabilitation of ill and injured birds
- ◇ caring for orphaned songbirds
- ◇ creating environmental education programs and displays
- ◇ conducting research projects to benefit rare and endangered birds

Commitment is 30 hours per week for 12 weeks from May-August. Minimum age of 18.

Send resume to:

Attn: Joe Hoffmann

9624 Midland Blvd

St Louis, MO 63114 or email

wbr.edir@gmail.com

No transportation or housing provided.

Calendar of Events

Trivia Night & Silent Auction, Friday, October 22, Kirkwood Community Center. Attend this event which is WBR's major fundraiser. Register now on our website www.wildbirdrehab.org/trivia-registration-2021! Silent auction items and sponsorships are critical to the event's success. You can help! Contact wbrtrivia@gmail.com or call 314-426-6400.

Thank You
to
Volunteers,
Interns,
Staff and
You the
Rescuers
and Donors
For making



2021 the most successful year in WBR's History.
Together, we've rescued over 2300 birds this year – setting a WBR record!