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Thank You to Our Donors and Volunteers!

During difficult times we seem to remember what is really important in our lives. As an organization we do the same. We not only circle the wagons and get lean and mean. We discover those among us who rise above the challenges. Many volunteers have gone the extra mile recently. Our Board of Directors has steered the organization through what has become our busiest year ever! Of course we would like to thank all of our volunteers for their support. However, a special thanks goes out to those who have gone above and beyond, such as Diane Doster, Jean Lothead, Jody Freeman, Leslie Wainwright, Tavi Karpilow, Joan Stepzinski and Donna Short. They have helped us to move into our 3rd decade of serving the community and each individual bird in need. As we move forward, we need others to step up and continue their good work.

During this pandemic our donors have risen to the occasion. Due to safety concerns, we cancelled our annual Trivia Night fundraiser and other sources of income have decreased considerably. We would like to thank all of those who have donated to keep this organization strong. Because of your support the sky is the limit for the birds at Wild Bird Rehabilitation. Thank you! *Joe Hoffmann, Executive Director*



Thank You!

We hope to see you at Trivia Night & Silent Auction 2021!

Watch the Newsletter, Web Site and Facebook for more information.



Wild Bird Chatter

Newsletter of Wild Bird Rehabilitation

Fall 2020

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*Please call before you bring
in a bird*

Hours of Operation

Daily

9 am – 1 pm; 5 pm – 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.**

Enjoy the Wonder of Birds!

This year, in a very unscientific experiment we discovered that baby birds are just as eager for a meal from someone wearing a mask as they had been in previous years when fed by unmasked volunteers!

As we used new techniques to keep our staff and rescuers safe, we were able to fulfill our mission throughout the pandemic and this year you've rescued a record number of birds!



American Goldfinch's diet is almost exclusively seeds.

You're probably limiting your social outings these days so it's a great time to consider the birds! Evidently people discovered the wonder of birds during the quarantine as more people began feeding birds, spending time in parks and just staring out the window!

Plan a Native Plant Garden

Attract songbirds to your landscape with native plants and help offset habitat loss. More than 60 million acres of lawn in the U.S. offer little food and shelter for birds and wildlife. Most songbirds are insectivores so besides the seed from feeders they require insects for protein. Insects are found on native plants and trees. Start out with a few plants and you'll soon be hooked on "gardening with a purpose". Visit the Facebook page for the **Missouri Native Plant**

Society to ask questions and learn more.

Winter in the air

It's time to prepare your feeders for the coming months. Thoroughly clean feeders with hot soapy water and then disinfect. Soak in a 50-50 solution of white vinegar and water, or make a 9-to-1 water-bleach solution. Rinse after disinfecting.

Consider the birds in your environmental decisions. Postpone tree trimming until the winter months to avoid interfering with migration. Be careful with lawn care products and poisons that may be hazardous to birds and always monitor pets.

Save a Bird! Winter can be a dangerous time for adult birds so watch for a bird in need and spread the word that WBR is a resource dedicated to rehabilitating songbirds.



Eastern Bluebirds enjoy dried mealworms.

Enjoy the Wonder of Birds

Visit the website for the Missouri Birding Trail (greatmissouribirdingtrail.com) for a wealth of information about birding in Missouri or put your feeder out and enjoy the birds in your yard!

In Honor of...In Memory of

In Honor of the staff & volunteers at Wild Bird Rehabilitation

*Cynthia Bechtel
Andrew Baldrige*

In Honor of Katie Erwin
Darcey Newsum

In Honor of Jack
Amy Michael

In Honor of Louie
Karin Markwell

In Memory of Bill Bolen
Penny Christoffel

In Memory of Doug Evans & Henry Mullen
Charlotte Evans

In Memory of Ivan Parada
Blaine Parada

In Memory of Doris Fortner
Walter Fortner

In Memory of Kevin P McMullen
Lori Moore-McMullen

In Memory of Al Unger
Barbara Anderson

In Memory of our Mother, Brandie Sigler
Jack & Kathryn Pryer

In Memory of my Grandpa, Jim Dixon
Megen Elizabeth Dixon

In Memory of Tatanka Phyla
Sara Denk

In Memory of Lt. Richard D Chorlins & Max
Toby Keane

In Memory of Birdman Dan
Virginia Eubanks

In Memory of Harley
Julie Whitmire

In Memory of Cozy Bee Fiala
Ruth Callahan

In Memory of Babe
Eric Mueller

In Memory of Sassy & Chipper
Sally McLees

In Memory of Hans, Pitufa, Arsenio Logrono
Jan Barton

In Memory of Trigger, my best friend
Sharon Hopen

In Memory of Juju
Catherine Miserany

In Memory of Little Birdie from Montgomery City High Hill
Laurie Sippel

In Memory of Walter Pigeon
Marian Isaac



In Honor of Naomi Davis
Barbara Unser

In Honor of Sue Nauert
Annemarie Nauert

In Honor of Jay Todd
Camille Todd

In Honor of Robbie, my bird who was saved
Suzanne Lucas

In Honor of Lacy
Christine Badagliacco

In Honor of Nina & Pinta
Lara Jennings

Some of the ways you can help WBR!

You can **donate** on our website www.wildbirdrehab.org or send a check to WBR. You now have the ability set up a recurring donation from our website donation page if you would like to schedule a monthly or quarterly gift. If your workplace matches your donations, this is a great way to double your help for the birds! Your donations are critical. Share your love of birds with your friends by hosting a **Facebook Fundraiser!** Facebook handles everything – just select WBR as your charity. Wild Bird Rehabilitation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency funded totally by donations from individuals and businesses.

Shop with *Amazon Smile* and designate Wild Bird Rehabilitation as your charity or pick from our **Wish List** of items used throughout the year and particularly needed during the spring and summer months: • Select-a-size paper towels • Unscented toilet paper • Bleach • Dawn (blue only) • Unscented laundry detergent • 13 gallon trash bags • Printer paper • Puppy training pads • Distilled Water • Gift cards for: Walmart, Petco, Lowes, Home Depot.

Volunteer: See p. 3 for more information on joining the WBR **Volunteer Team!**

Volunteer Corner

Have you thought of joining the WBR Volunteer Team? Let me introduce you to Denise White. Denise covers a lot of bases at WBR and coordinating volunteers are among her responsibilities. As you can imagine, during the spring and summer months this is quite demanding! Denise is a Webster University graduate with over seven years of experience with various non-profits. Her first contact with WBR was through Webster Works Worldwide. With this program the campus sponsors a day of community service for students, faculty, and alumni. Denise recalls "one year we cleaned up the aviaries, another we painted the office area, and I began volunteering on a weekly basis helping care for the birds as well as fundraising. Now, I am a full-time staff member involved in volunteer recruitment, training, and scheduling as well as part of the phone team educating and assisting thousands of callers who find birds, and in addition help the Executive Director with other projects as needed".



Though the current season is winding down, Denise will begin contacting volunteers in January for orientation and training. There are a variety of opportunities to help as a member of the Volunteer Team. You may be interested in "hands on" bird care but there are other opportunities to help at the clinic including data entry, working from home and joining the phone team.

If you are interested in becoming a WBR Volunteer, please see our website for more information and a volunteer application. Select **Get Involved** and **Volunteer** and click on the Volunteer Application button or call **(314) 426-6400**. This season was very unusual due to COVID safety measures so everyone at WBR looks forward to **Bird Season 2021** and hopes you decide to join the WBR Volunteer Team!

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
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No transportation or housing provided.

Facing Peril Every Day



Blue Jay recovering after being trapped in flypaper.

as a potential food source. If you encounter a bird that has been caught, try to keep the bird calm and call WBR immediately. Do not attempt to resolve the situation yourself, this can result in additional damage to the bird.

Often birds become entangled in fishing line and nets carelessly abandoned at the fishing hole. Even Halloween decorations can be a hazard. And, of course cats are one of the biggest dangers to bird. They are responsible for over 3 billion bird deaths every year! Songbirds are always vulnerable to predators who are looking for a food source and just happen to be bigger – so it's important that we try to eliminate the dangers under our control!

It's amazing how urban birds adapt to our environment. They visit our feeders, nest in our wreaths and make do with what's available. Unfortunately, they often become too familiar with our homes which can result in injury. Open garage doors are an invitation and much of the contents of that area of our home can be a danger to birds. Flypaper and glue traps are usually very successful at ensnaring insects but, when they are in an area which can be accessed by birds, they are hazardous. The trapped insects make glue traps and flypaper attractive to birds

