

Wild Bird Rehabilitation  
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## Volunteer Spotlight

We were the beneficiary of the Barat Academy senior Peace Project this year. This capstone experience is central to Barat's core value that students develop a "social awareness which impels into action." We were thrilled that Millie Bosma, Bridget



Caldwell, Catie Karpowich and Anna Herring chose to support Wild Bird Rehabilitation this year. Our students were an absolute delight and incredibly helpful. Each Wednesday morning they arrived excited to be a part of our team. They had an excellent time working alongside fellow volunteers and staff, and were very diligent with their projects. They were outside on nice days washing cages for the birds (of course, when there was water involved, they had some mischievous moments as well). They prepared laminated diet cards for our 100 species of patients, prepared baskets and caging for the incoming patients, separated newspapers which are needed for each basket and cage and cleaned up debris from our gardens. We looked forward to Wednesdays because each student was so helpful and enjoyable to have in our Center.



On May 24 we attended their exhibition - the formal presentation during which they discussed the work they had done with us, what they learned and how it relates to a global issue. They did an excellent job and it was truly a pleasure working with them and being an integral part of this educational opportunity for the next generation.



# Wild Bird Chatter

Newsletter of Wild Bird Rehabilitation

Fall 2023

## Wild Bird Rehabilitation

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*Please call before you bring  
in a bird*

Hours of Operation

Daily

8 am – 7 pm

[www.wildbirdrehab.org](http://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.**

## Beyond the Walls at WBR

It has been another busy summer here with our feathered friends! As always, we remain grateful to our rescuers, volunteers and donors for making this work possible year after year.

Most of you are very familiar with the work that we do at our center to care for and rehabilitate birds; however, the work we do outside of the center to educate rescuers and find superior solutions so birds may remain in a native environment is not well known. In this issue we would like to highlight our volunteer phone team and tell you more about this part of our work in the community.

Since January 1 we have received over 16,000 phone calls. Calls come from all over the state of Missouri, throughout the US and even some international calls. During our busiest months of May through August our 18 dedicated phone team volunteers answer hundreds of calls a day, 7 days a week. Each call is unique. The majority of calls are from concerned people who have found a young bird. The role of the phone team is to determine the best course of action for the bird. Although part of our mission is to release birds to the wild, an important goal of the phone team is to keep a young bird in the wild with its parents, if possible. In order to make that decision, phone team volunteers will ask the person calling a series of questions to determine if the parents are nearby or if it's possible to



*Northern Waterthrush recovering from a wing fracture.*

return the baby to its nest. They may ask the caller to perform tests to see if the bird is physically able to perch and has proper wing movement. With pictures they visually check if the wings are symmetrical, eyes are clear, feathers are lying flat against the body and fecal is healthy looking. Once the phone team volunteer has a clear understanding of the situation then the decision on whether the bird needs intervention or not may be properly determined.

We are so grateful to our phone team volunteers for the amazing work they do every day to help birds and the people who find them. Counseling rescuers takes a great deal of care, concern, knowledge and patience and together our community is helping to save thousands of birds outside of our center walls too. To find out more about these efforts or becoming a part of the phone team, contact Denise White at [wbr.schedulehelp@gmail.com](mailto:wbr.schedulehelp@gmail.com).

## HERE'S THE STATS

*1718 Patients Admitted*

### Top species

**347** American Robins

**187** Mourning Doves

**156** House Finches

**139** Ruby-throated Hummingbirds

**128** Northern Cardinals

### Also of note

**35** American Crows

*Jan 1, 2023 – Sep 22, 2023*

## In Honor of...In Memory of

### In memory of Jerome & Doris Schmidt

Steven & Linda Pfaff

### In memory of Betty Kinsey

Ruth Callahan  
The Gremaud Family

### In memory of the robin fledgling

Patricia Willis

### In memory of calico cat Patches who loved watching birds

Glen & Mary Jo Stockwell

### In memory of Ismael Huertas

Jan Barton

### In memory of Forest & Blossom

Sally McLees

### In memory of Captain (Sue) Kotar

Jay Brand, Mary Trusdale & Jackie Pliemann  
Donna & James Short  
Stacey Schaeffer

### In memory of Doris Fortner

Walter Fortner

### In memory of Goosey the Robin

Lisa Mueller

### In memory of Ginger the lovely Cockatiel

Deborah Martin

### In memory of Chad Sucher

Brenda Kalemis

### In memory of JoAnn Flottmann

Bill Flottmann

### In memory of our beloved Maggie

Patricia Drone

### In memory of Margaret Giblin

Daryl Giblin

### In memory of Mom & Dad

Linda Isbell

### In memory of Les Wackher

Linda Wackher

### In memory of Alice & Cubby

Steve & Patty McCauley

### In memory of Bill Bolen

Penny Christoffel

### In memory of Gary Cooper

Jane & Rich Pisarkiewicz

### In memory of Joyce Finkelstein

Brenda Kalemis

### In memory of "Aunt Dodo"

Michelle Martin

### In memory of Nancy M. Thomas

John Thomas

### In memory of Elaine DeRouin

Dennis & Ellen Brommelhorst

### In memory of Peggy Ann (Bowcock) Nuske

A. David Nuske & Tamara Moy  
Barbara & Rachele Gianino

### In memory of Tucker & Molly

Wayne Thomas Bryant

### In memory of Aurora Roeser

Donna Docter

### In memory of Mary Grace Cusumano

Debbie Benoit

### In honor of Juncos

Michael Zeloski

### In honor of celebrating 30 years of rehabbing birds

Ann Woody

### In honor of Keagan & Ireland Fitzgerald

Carole D. Thompson

### In honor of Karen Weidert

Eric Mink

### In honor of Nighat Hameed

Danish A. Jabbar, MD

### In honor of Bryan

Jane Klamer

### In honor of Sue Schulte

Elaine Stern

### In honor of my Pileated

Woodpeckers daily visits  
Dorothy Heidbrink

### In honor of Buddy & Chubbi

Mary F. Kriegshauser

### In honor of a happy hello to all the bird lovers from Teddy Bear our cat

Mary Kerbler



*Prothonotary Warbler recovering from a window strike.*

### In memory of Julie Clerc

Rebecca Williams

### In honor of Taube

William Tannenbaum

### In honor of Lori Moore-McMullen

Melissa Jones

### In honor of Grandma B

Kimberly Nolan

### In memory of sweet Elvira

Kimberly Nolan

### In honor of Ruth Voorhees

Mychal Voorhees

### In honor of Goldie

Vickie Dilworth

### In memory of Kathy Davidson

Henry Allhoff

### In honor of GG and B

Linda Coleman

### In honor of Ollie

Kathie Molyneaux

### In memory of Alice Albers

Ken & Jeri Madison

### In honor of Little Carrie the Yellow Finch

Carrie Maddox

### In honor of Pidge

Jody Freeman

### In honor of Tana & Tom Tinsley

Jenny Petty

### In memory of Garry Moore

Laura Wright

### In honor of Tony

Charlie Davis

### In memory of Jean Kelly

Bridget Brassil

### In memory of Izzy Roo

Jess Isenberg

### In memory of Mersalino Soliz

Francisco Lopez

### In memory of Ivan Moore

Laura Wright

### In honor of the efforts of Diane Doster

Michael Kiss

### In honor of Hummingbird patient 1209

Melinda Dunbar

### In honor of Betty White

Joe Johnston

### In memory of George Ronald Burkhardt

Hal Goldsmith  
Beverly Green  
Kenny Woods  
Judith Dierberg

### In honor of Tom Feiner

Mary Alice Feiner

### In honor of Joe & Dee Strain

Lauren Chaney

### In honor of Cate Cody

Anonymous

### In honor of my Grandmother Ruth who taught me to love and care for wild birds

Anonymous

# Trivia Night & Silent Auction, Saturday, November 4

**NEW LOCATION**

**Maryland Heights Community Center**  
2300 McKelvey Road, 63043

**6 pm: Silent Auction | 7 pm: Trivia**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT WILD BIRD REHABILITATION**

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50/50 raffles | Games | Mulligans  
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