

Wild Bird Rehabilitation  
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*Wednesday May 7: Help WBR during this  
Community Fundraising Event!*



**Join the WBR  
Volunteer Team**

*To apply online, visit our  
website, select **Get  
Involved and Volunteer**  
and click on the **Volunteer  
Application** button or call  
(314) 426-6400.*

**Trivia Night & Silent Auction Saturday,  
November 21, 2020**

*If you would like to register for the event, donate items to  
the silent auction or would like information  
about being a sponsor – visit*

*[www.wildbirdrehab.org/trivia-registration-2020](http://www.wildbirdrehab.org/trivia-registration-2020)*

*Questions? email [wbrtrivia@gmail.com](mailto:wbrtrivia@gmail.com)*

*or call (314) 426-6400*



# Wild Bird Chatter

Newsletter of Wild Bird Rehabilitation

Spring 2020

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### Hours of Operation

Daily

7 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.**

## The Phone Team...Here to Take Your Call!

Wild Bird Rehabilitation is open and accepts patients 365 days a year at our Songbird Hospital! Our goal is to provide the best outcome for the bird. This does not always require treatment at WBR and may be resolved closer to home.

### Call before you bring in a bird

We ask Rescuers to "call before you bring in a bird". Our Phone Team responds to all phone calls and will help diagnose the issue, provide a recommendation and walk you through any steps including guidelines for transporting the bird to WBR.

When you see a bird in distress it's critical to react - you may be the difference between life and death. Without action on your part the bird may be exposed to predators, pets, weather or starvation.

During Baby Bird Season – primarily Spring and Summer-our Phone Team helps you distinguish between a vulnerable hatchling who fell out of the nest and a fledgling who is on the road to independence hopping around on the ground. They talk you through returning the hatchling to the nest or a nest substitute and in the case of the fledgling he is still being cared for by mom and your



*Red-bellied Woodpecker found on the ground cold and hungry as a nestling.*

mission is to keep him safe from pets.

### You can join the Phone Team!

The Phone Team consists of volunteers who answer calls from rescuers from their home or on the road. All members of the team receive training and have access to

experienced team members who can help diagnose the issue, identify the bird or provide general support. Taking these phone calls allows those working in the "hospital" to concentrate on bird care. The Phone Team is a critical part of bird rescue and a rewarding contribution to the environment by helping to save the lives of songbirds who are generally in decline and also supporting those who are saving birds and need guidance.



*If mom is still in the area – a temporary nest like this can be used for a cavity nester such as the woodpecker above.*

*To join the Phone Team, visit [www.wildbirdrehab.org](http://www.wildbirdrehab.org) select **Get Involved** and **Volunteer** and click on the **Volunteer Application** button or call (314) 426-6400*

## In Honor of...In Memory of

**In Honor of All Staff,  
Volunteers & Joe**  
Charlene Schneider

**In Honor of Nelson & Leslie  
Wainwright**  
David & Royal Robbins  
Sue & Neal Alexander

**In Honor of Tavi Karpilow &  
Eric Fields**  
Rakesh & Shekha Jain  
Shika & Satish Sharma

**In Honor of Leslie  
Wainwright**  
Mary Ellen Sliment  
Karen Schmidt  
Sally Yeagain  
Mary Lou Mellon

**In Honor of Mary Beth  
Spangler**  
Karen Schmidt

**In Honor of Amy Velasco**  
Mark & Wendy Gellman

**In Honor of the detainees at  
the border**  
Phoebe Love

**In Honor of Tuna Fey**  
Melinda Jennings

**In Honor of best friend, Sadie**  
Judith Drew



*Eastern Phoebes migrate to our area for breeding.*

**In Honor of Kenny, wild bird**  
Marie Askew

**In Honor of the woodcock  
found downtown on  
3/5/2020**  
Dawn Weber

**In Honor of Maggie, Rusty,  
Shep, Sheppie, Lassie, Sonic**  
Robert Preis

**In Memory of Christopher  
LaFata**  
Kirsten LaFata

**In Memory of Ed & Ruth Pfaff**  
Steven & Linda Pfaff

**In Memory of Mary K &  
James J Guilfooy**  
Margaret G Tyler

**In Memory of Helen G  
Bricmont**  
Linda Anderson  
Leslie & Nelson Wainwright  
Toni Moody  
Sue & Don Andrews  
Cornelius & Jo Etta Alwood  
Gail Gagnon  
Jim & Donna Short  
The Hampshire House  
Wild Birds Unlimited -  
Chesterfield  
Sally Nolan  
Katie Valfer

**In Memory of Emilie  
Hannemann**  
Michael Hannemann

**In Memory of David Faintich**  
Carol Faintich

**In Memory of Ina Mason**  
Jan Mason

**In Memory of Maria Blest**  
Cindy Blest

**In Memory of Doris Fortner**  
Walter Fortner

**In Memory of David A. Wylie**  
Julia Wankel

**In Memory of Frances  
Wolinski**  
Dr Paula Chor

**In Memory of Dr C Greg  
Anderson**  
Eckenrode-Maupin Law Firm

**In Memory of Mike Scherer**  
Julie Scherer

**In Memory of Walter Pigeon**  
Marian Isaac

**In Memory of Chiquita**  
Linda & Michael Finkes

**In Memory of my best friend,  
Trigger**  
Sharon Hopen

**In Memory of Sweetie Pie  
Birdo**  
Elisa Lindsey

**Spring Surprises!** During Spring we welcome the sight of birds nesting in our yard and enjoy watching the parents flying back to the nest with food for the babies. We're not so enamored when we find birds nesting in our front door wreath or occupying the barbeque pit! Sometimes it's even worse when you discover wildlife in your attic or walls. Animals discover shelter in unlikely locations, such as a case where opossums used coat pockets in a retail store and starlings utilized a bathroom vent for warmth and shelter in a commercial building.

### **Looking for a solution to your wildlife problem?**

**Humane Wildlife Solutions LLC** ([www.humanewildlifesolutionsllc.com](http://www.humanewildlifesolutionsllc.com)), founded by Gary Guinn, has operated in the St Louis area for 25 years. They are often called to remedy problems for WBR rescuers when they find birds and other wildlife in undesirable locations. First, they assess the home or business for the animals' access point. Then, they provide a humane option for the owner and the animals. When the animals have been evacuated the opening is closed off if possible, resulting in a permanent solution. Always remember there are solutions to these situations that are friendly to both you and the animal.

**Celebrate Spring** with a  
Facebook Fundraiser



and designate **Wild Bird  
Rehabilitation** as your  
charity. Facebook handles  
everything!

## Birdwatching in St. Louis

One of the many birdwatching hotspots near St. Louis is Creve Coeur Memorial Park. During April and May, songbirds migrating to northern nesting grounds will stop off in such greenspaces to rest and refuel. Some migrants you may see there include the Canada Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, and Blue-Headed Vireo. Wetlands, like Little Creve Coeur Marsh, host American Bitterns and Prothonotary Warblers. Black-Bellied Whistling Ducks nested here last year, which is a first for St. Louis County!



Black-Bellied Whistling Duck



Orchard Oriole



Blackburnian Warbler



Cerulean Warbler

Within the Busch Greenway in St. Charles, unbroken forests are an important habitat for the Scarlet Tanager, Wood Thrush, and Cerulean Warbler. Scrubby land with native grasses and bushes is another specialized habitat found in this area. It hosts songsters like the Bell's Vireo, Yellow-Breasted Chat, and Orchard Oriole.

To locate these special areas, visit <https://ebird.org/hotspots> for St. Louis and St. Charles.

After your own birdwatching venture, you can contribute a list of species you saw and heard to this wonderful citizen science project! *Contributed by Darby who is a member of the WBR staff and spends her days off bird watching!*

## Stocking up for Spring!

*Here are some of the items we use in large quantities during the Spring & Summer months. Your help is always appreciated!*

- 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

## Calendar of Events

**Give STL Day, Thursday, May 7, midnight-to-midnight, online at [www.givestlday.org](http://www.givestlday.org).** Join the St. Louis Community Foundation for the biggest online giving event in St. Louis and support WBR at this critical time of the year.

**Spring Wildflower Market, Friday May 8 – Saturday May 9, Shaw Nature Reserve.** Perfect time to plan and/or enhance your native plant garden! This is the region's biggest native plant sale of the year.

**Native Plant Garden Tour, Saturday June 20.** St Louis Audubon and Wild Ones present this tour event which will inspire you to plant or expand your native plant garden!

**Trivia Night & Silent Auction, Saturday November 21, Kirkwood Community Center.** Save the date for this annual event which is WBR's major fundraiser of the year. You can help. Silent auction items and sponsorships are critical to the event's success! Contact [wbrtrivia@gmail.com](mailto:wbrtrivia@gmail.com) or call 314-426-6400.