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Trivia Night & Silent Auction Saturday, November 21, 2020

Join us at the Kirkwood Community Center for this annual event and help birds at 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 bird-themed items, jewelry, 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 first and second place winners.



Purchase your tickets today at

www.wildbirdrehab.org/triviaregistration.

Register online with a credit card or print the Table Registration Form and mail with your check.

You're Invited to Help!

Please help us by donating to the Silent Auction! Also, sponsorship opportunities are available. Email wbrtrivia@gmail.com or call (314)426-6400 for additional information.



**Thank you
for your Support!**



Wild Bird Chatter

Newsletter of Wild Bird Rehabilitation

Summer 2020

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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.

Backyard Birding

Now is a great time to observe the birds in your yard. They are bustling around - feeding the young and constantly wary of predators. The constant search for food and protecting the family seems like a major task for such



House Finch nestlings rescued after they fell from the nest.

small creatures. From a Ruby-throated Hummingbird to a Pileated Woodpecker we are fortunate to have birds of all sizes, appetites and habits in our area! But sometimes they need your help.

Bird Rescue

If you find a bird it's important to make decisions that result in the best possible outcome for the bird. In the case of a baby, the first choice is to keep the baby with mother. Birds learn critical survival skills from mom! In all cases, contact our Phone Team (314-426-6400) to devise a plan of action. It's not always necessary to bring the bird to WBR. If you think a nest has been abandoned, observe continuously from a distance for one hour to determine if the parents are visiting the nest. If you see a bird on the ground

without feathers it's a nestling. If possible, put the bird back in the nest or make a temporary nest. Observe continuously from a distance to make sure the mother is visiting with food.

If the bird has feathers, it's a fledgling learning to fly and you may see the bird hopping around on the ground. Again, observe continuously from a distance to make sure the mother is feeding the fledgling. Obviously, if there is a visible sign of injury to the bird, treatment at WBR will be necessary.

Your Environment

Analyze your environment. Many of the orphans brought to WBR were found nesting in campers and wreaths! Close off or remove areas where you don't want birds nesting. Monitor your pets when they are outdoors. Cats are a major source of bird



Beware of hazardous chemicals found in many lawn treatments.

deaths and should be kept indoors. Avoid fertilizers and chemicals that can be harmful to birds.

Songbirds visit our feeders but they are primarily insectivores and insects are their primary source of protein. Feeders supplement their diet but insects are the key to survival! This search for insects becomes even more critical during breeding season when they are raising a family. Plant native plants and trees to provide the necessary nutrition for the birds in your yard! See **Bring on the Bugs** on p 2.

In Honor of...In Memory of

In Honor of the staff at Wild Bird Rehabilitation
Captain Kotar

In Honor of Emily Buchanon
Mr & Mrs Terry Proffitt

In Honor and Appreciation of Joe and all the Staff & Volunteers
Dorothy Heidbrink

In Honor of Mary Holtkamp
Ruth Callahan

In Honor of Leslie Wainwright
Charles Hilse

In Honor of Paul & Sue Nauert
Annemarie Nauert

In Honor of Gladys Stannard
Jesse McClure



Baltimore Oriole patient with an eye injury – hit by a car.

In Memory of Helen Bricmont
Lee Armitage

In Memory of Les Wackher
Linda Wackher

In Memory of Nancy M.

Thomas
John Thomas

In Memory of Mom & Dad
Linda Isbell

In Memory of Anita O. Jackson, Mother
Charlene Schneider

In Memory of Jo Ann
William Flottmann

In Memory of Doris Fortner
Walter Fortner

In Memory of Marian B. Langdon
Nancy Grove & Joe Tiernan

In Memory of Congressman Robert A Young
Margaret Tyler

In Memory of Shep, Lassie, Shep2, Rusty, Maggie, Sonic
Robert Preis

In Memory of Baber
Catherine Mizerany

In Memory of Tuffy
Charlene Bambrick

In Memory of Blossom
Sally McLees

In Memory of Hans, Pitufa
Jan Barton

In Memory of Ajax, the songbird
Danny Keith

Bring on the Bugs!

“Just as no one could exist without the fairy in Fairyland, humans would last only a few months if insects were to disappear from Earth (E.O. Wilson 1987). It is remarkable, then that our cultural relationship with insects is not one of awe and appreciation, but one of disgust and animosity” **from Nature’s Best Hope** by Douglas Tallamy. Tallamy continues: Insects tend to be specialists feeding and pollinating on a narrow spectrum of plant life with which they share an evolutionary history. Thus, native plants provide this “history” as compared to introduced or modified plants which do not.

Insects are especially critical to birds during breeding season when they are raising a family. Studies have shown it takes



6,000 – 9,000 caterpillars per season to raise a brood of five chickadees! Join the movement and introduce native plants to your landscape!

Meet our Summer Intern!

My name is Danielle and I'm currently attending Missouri S&T for a BS in Biological Sciences. I have interned at World Bird Sanctuary and worked at local animal shelters. I've been interested in zoology from a young age with dreams of becoming a veterinarian. After graduation I hope to find a job in ecology either at a zoo or animal sanctuary and see what the future holds!





Photos from National Geographic Photographer's Visit to WBR

WBR was honored with a visit from award winning National Geographic Photographer and conservationist, Joel Sartore. Mr. Sartore's 25-year effort, called **The Photo Ark** is an attempt to photograph every species in captivity on earth and raise awareness for our planet's threatened creatures. During his time at WBR, Sartore, photographed several of our patients. Here is a sample of the photographs he took while at WBR. All photos are property of Joel Sartore/National Geographic Photo Ark. Visit www.joelsartore.com/photo-ark for more information.

