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## Trivia Night & Silent Auction, Friday October 22

We missed you in 2020 and hope you join us this year! We're back at the **Kirkwood Community Center** for a fun evening with an opportunity to help birds!

This is 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 vacations, 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 the first and second place teams. Purchase your tickets today on our website at [www.wildbirdrehab.org/trivia-registration-2021](http://www.wildbirdrehab.org/trivia-registration-2021). Register online with a credit card or print the Table Registration Form and mail with your check.



We welcome your donations to the Silent Auction and sponsorship opportunities are available. Email [wbrtrivia@gmail.com](mailto:wbrtrivia@gmail.com) or call (314)426-6400 for additional information or any questions.



*Thank you for your Support!*



# Wild Bird Chatter

Newsletter of Wild Bird Rehabilitation

Summer 2021

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in a bird*

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.**

## It's that time of the year!

Bird lovers everywhere look forward to the spring and summer months. They hold a wealth of bird highlights: migration, mating and baby birds!

Many migrating birds pass through our area especially since St Louis is on the Mississippi flyway which generally follows the river. According to Audubon.org: More than 325 bird species make the round-trip each year along the Mississippi Flyway, from their breeding grounds in Canada and the northern United States to their wintering grounds along the Gulf of Mexico and in Central and South America.

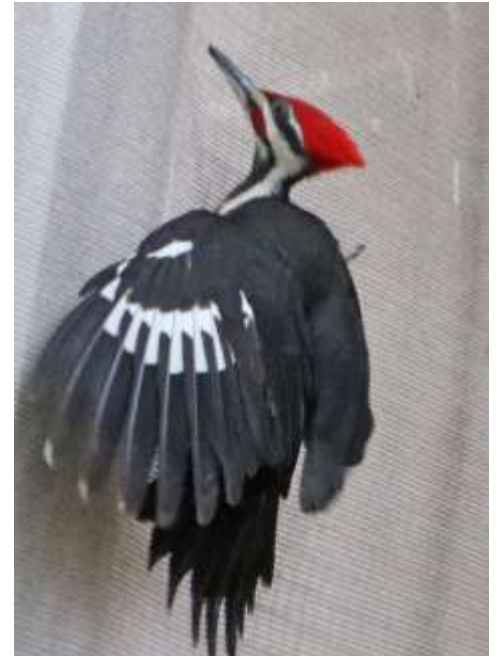
Birds are rescued and brought to WBR when their migration is interrupted – most often due to exhaustion or a collision with an unexpected object such as a building, a car or your window. Migrating birds following the river often get disoriented by the tall buildings and lights of downtown St Louis.

One of the most well known migrations is the hummingbird. The Ruby-throated Hummingbird, which is the only breeding hummingbird in eastern North America can travel from as far north as Canada to Central America, crossing the Gulf of Mexico.



*Mockingbird rescued from a predator attack. Presumed that siblings and parents did not survive.*

lost one or both parents and often siblings to predators. Unfortunately, human intervention can be the cause of abandonment when a tree is cut down or homeowners find a nest in an unwanted location and sometimes curious pets are the culprit. *It's that time of the year* to do our part helping birds at this critical time!



*Pileated Woodpecker rescued after it was hit by a car.*

Mating creates another set of potential injuries as birds vie for a mate. This year WBR had an influx of Northern Cardinals injured protecting their territory. Window collisions are one of the most common injuries when a bird takes on its reflected image to protect territory and can cause anything from serious damage to a brief blackout. Woodpeckers claim territory by drumming (your chimney?). Mockingbirds sing.

When the babies arrive, birds employ a variety of child rearing methods. In some situations both parents are involved. In others, such as the hummingbird, mom is left with the home duties. Many of the orphans raised at WBR

## In Honor of...In Memory of

**In Honor of Betty Reimer**  
Chris Volz

**In Honor of Joe Hoffmann & Juncos everywhere**  
Michael Zeloski

**In Honor of Les Wackher**  
Linda Wackher

**In Honor of Emily Buchannon**  
Terry & Karen Proffitt

**In Honor of James Ivanoff**  
Linda Ivanoff

**In Honor of Denise, who helped me save birds nesting in the dryer vent**  
Lisa Buchmeier

**In Honor of Lynne Breakstone**  
Lyn Magee

**In Honor of William Goldkamp**  
Sean Carey

**In Honor of Winsome Raye**  
Tamara Rodney

**In Honor of Sprit, Baby Goat**  
Doug, Jenni Harned & Jensen

**In Honor of Pumpkin**  
Barbara Anderson

**In Honor of Houdini the chicken**  
Anonymous

**In Honor of Heidi & Angelica, my cats**  
Alex MacDonald

**In Honor of Preston**  
Anonymous

**In Memory of Doris Fortner**  
Walter Fortner

**In Memory of Naomi Davis**  
Barbara Unser

**In Memory of Jo Ann Flottmann**  
Bill Flottmann

**In Memory of Margaret Pauline**  
Susan Tilton

**In Memory of Nancy M. Thomas**  
John Thomas



*Rose-breasted Grosbeak recovering after she flew into a window.*

**In Memory of Anita O. Jackson, Mother**  
Charlene Schneider

**In Memory of Veronica Baier**  
Elaine Browning

**In Memory of Allison James, a conservationist**  
Marcia Popp

**In Memory of Goosey, the Robin**  
Eric Mueller

**In Memory of Flicker, rescued woodpecker**  
Dorothy Heidbrink

**In Memory of Ronnie O'Dell**  
Lisa VanBuren

**In Memory of Trigger, my Buddy**  
Sharon Hopen

**In Memory of Hans, Pitufa & Barney**  
Jan Barton

## Volunteer Corner

Feeding the babies! Marcia Block, who has been a volunteer for over 15 years, is feeding a Northern Cardinal nestling – who was residing in the Incubator which is home to a variety of hatchlings and nestlings. They are there to stay warm simulating how they would cuddle together in the nest. Notice the jars to the right which contain the baby's food. The diet is customized to the bird species. The goal is to duplicate as much as possible what mom would feed the baby, with an emphasis on protein. The Northern Cardinal is fed a diet of bloodworms, tubifex, mealworms, waxworms, soft food and berries. The feeding frequency depends on the age and species of the bird



beginning at every ten to twenty minutes and increasing to every thirty minutes as they age. When they are self-feeding they have met one of the criteria for release. The month of May started out with a bang at WBR - over 625 birds were admitted. This was an increase over last year. The majority were babies who require constant feeding. What a job! Thanks to our dedicated volunteers and staff!

### Help Save Birds!

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

## Meet the Interns!

Here are the 2021 interns who are at WBR learning about bird rehabilitation from the ground up. In addition to care and feeding they also learn about maintenance and record keeping.

**Vanessa Geary** (left) is attending St Charles Community College and would like to continue in animal rehab and volunteer in this field across the world.

**Hannah Agolia** (top) learned about WBR when she rescued an injured bird. She studied at St Louis University and plans to work in the area of animal welfare.

**Shelby McMillen** (right) graduated this year from SIU Carbondale. She previously volunteered at WBR and hopes to make a career out of caring for animals either as a zookeeper or working in animal rehabilitation.

**Julie Schwab-Schmidt** (bottom) is studying biology at UMSL. She Loves animals and wants to be a veterinarian. She has a cat and a variety of exotic birds.



## WBR Volunteer Wins Scholarship

Glen Malast, who volunteered for seven years at WBR received a \$12,000 merit scholarship to Knox College based on an essay describing his experiences at WBR.

In the essay Glen explained his various duties at WBR with birds of all ages. In addition, Glen revealed his thoughts and emotions dealing with life and death experiences as well as the wonder of watching a bird grow from a tiny baby to an adult!

## Calendar of Events

**Trivia Night & Silent Auction, Friday, October 22, Kirkwood Community Center.** Attend this event which is WBR's major fundraiser. Registration is open now on our website! Silent auction items and sponsorships are critical to the event's success! You can help! Contact [wbrtrivia@gmail.com](mailto:wbrtrivia@gmail.com) or call 314-426-6400.

## Partnership with KC & Springfield Clinics

WBR recently signed a partnership agreement to rehabilitate birds from the Kansas City and Springfield area. Lakeside Nature Center which is operated by Kansas City Parks and Recreation rehabilitates injured mammals and birds of prey but turned to WBR to help with songbirds. A similar situation exists in Springfield where the Sunshine Clinic rehabilitates mammals. We share transportation duties with both groups.

WBR is the only clinic in Missouri devoted to the rehabilitation of songbirds and is proud to be recognized statewide for its reputation in this area.



*Eastern Bluebirds sent to WBR as nestlings.*