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Thank You for Helping Birds!

Thank you to everyone who helped make WBR's *2019 Trivia Night & Silent Auction* a success! Many thanks to over 100 businesses and individuals who donated items and to those who attended the event and participated in the silent auction, trivia and games. Thank you to Donna Bruner, our chairperson and the many volunteers who worked on this event throughout the year and during the event! This critical fundraiser generated over \$25,000 which will be especially needed this spring and summer to care for orphaned baby birds!

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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.

Help Save Birds!

Recently national media and bird-oriented publications have raised the alarm about the diminishing bird population. According to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology "In the past 50 years, more than 1 in 4 birds has disappeared across North America."

This is a frightening statistic – but not surprising as we observe habitat loss around us as buildings and homes spring up. A few parks are not adequate to sustain wildlife. Naturally we



Rescued Blue Jay - 1 in 4 lost in the last 50 years.

Here are a few highlights of actions you can take:

Make Windows Safer: Window collisions kill millions of birds each year. If birds are colliding with your windows, see www.allaboutbirds.org for more information on prevention.

Keep Cats Indoors: Cats-who are

not native to North America-are a top source of bird loss (second to habitat destruction).

Plant Natives: Add native plants to your landscape to help counteract habitat loss. More than 60 million acres of lawn in the United States offer little food and shelter for birds and wildlife.

Avoid Pesticides: Most pesticides including household weed killer are toxic to wildlife.

Actively Help Monitor Birds & Assist in Bird Rescue: Participate in various citizen-science projects such as *Project Feeder Watch* or **join the WBR team** and directly affect the bird population in our area.

Spread the word! Not everyone knows that WBR is here to care for injured or orphaned songbirds Tell your friends and share our Facebook posts!

Reference: Gustave Axelson, Jillian Ditner, Vanishing, *Living Bird Cornell Lab*, Autumn 2019.

mourn all bird loss, but it's especially meaningful when we see statistics on birds we are familiar with: Blue Jays – 1 in 4 lost; Baltimore Orioles – 1 in 3 lost; Juncos 1 in 3 lost.

How can we help?

You may not realize that you and your neighbors are a critical component in saving birds!



862 million lost in the Sparrow Family - rescued Chipping Sparrow-

See page 3 for more information on volunteering at Wild Bird Rehabilitation. To apply online, visit our website, select Get Involved and Volunteer and click on the Volunteer Application button.

In Honor of...In Memory of

In Honor of everyone who made 2019 an amazing year
Vicki Ferguson

In Honor of Cooper Hoffmann
Tom Feiner

In Honor of Deborah Martin
Timothy Martin

In Honor of Joan Fisher
Janet & Jim Schneider

In Honor of Madalyn Comella
Joe & Michelle Comella

In Honor of Lynne Breakstone
Lyn Magee

In Honor of Kim Yugyeom
Marissa Roman

In Honor of Shamus, my cockatiel
Ruth Vlasak

In Honor of Trigger, my best friend
Sharon Hopen

In Honor of the nest of Eastern Kingbirds I brought to WBR this summer
Eric Mueller

In Honor of Edna & Monte
Paul Eubanks

In Honor of Little Blue Heron
Dawn Weber

In Memory of Ginny Nester
Mary Kriegshauser

In Memory of William O'Brian McMullin
Jan Barton

In Memory of Betty J. Blankmann
Robert Blankmann

In Memory of Dorothy J Manaski
Margie Heidemann

In Memory of Mrs Gerry Bickel
William Bickel

In Memory of Walter Pigeon
Marian Isaac

In Memory of Tommy
Carol Unsicker

In Memory of Simon
Pam Long

In Memory of Hans & Pitufa
Jan Barton

In Memory of Eddie, a very gentle shy cat
Mary Kerbler

In Memory of my best friend "Sadie"
Judith Drew

In Memory of Riley & Tanner
Sally McLees

In Memory of Big Foot & Odie
Jon & Pat Courtney

In Memory of Trigger
Mike & Sharon Hopen



Northern Cardinal juvenile rescued in September. He recovered from a cat encounter and may be hanging out at your bird feeder!

In Memory of Rose Lee Phillips
Judy Phillips

In Memory of Virgene Gilkerson
Joan & Paul Gilkerson

In Memory of Margaret Giblin
Daryl Giblin

In Memory of Doris Fortner
Walter Fortner

In Memory of my Mom & Dad
Linda Isbell

In Memory of Ruth C King
Susan & Richard Burke

In Memory of Rose & George Phillips
Judy Phillips

In Memory of Henrietta Mullen
Charlotte Evans

In Memory of David Faintich
Carol Faintich

Double your donation to WBR with employer matching!

Many area employers match their employees' charitable donations. We receive matching donations from Boeing Corp, Bayer and Phillips 66 to name a few.



Invite your friends to a Facebook Fundraiser and name Wild Bird Rehabilitation as your charity! A great way to share your love of birds with your friends! Facebook handles everything – no fuss!

Calendar of Events

Volunteer Orientations scheduled during February & March. To explore becoming a WBR volunteer we invite you to visit WBR for an overview and a tour of the facility: February 15, March 13, March 14. See Page 3 for more information.

Take a Walk in the Park on either Saturday March 28 or April 11, 8:00 am at Creve Coeur Park. Welcome spring and explore bird life at Creve Coeur Park with WBR bird-watchers, oriented to beginners. Meet at the Taco Bell Shelter.

Give STL Day, Thursday, May 7, midnight-to-midnight, online at 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.

Join WBR's Volunteer Team!

Be a part of the WBR Volunteer Team at that special time of the year when we welcome orphaned baby birds. These birds end up at WBR because of a variety of man-made and natural catastrophes that separate them from their parents.

Staffing Needs: Over 100 volunteers are required to staff WBR during the spring and summer months. Many jobs are based on the care and feeding of baby birds but there are also jobs which do not include "hands on" bird care. Volunteers are needed to do chores, set up cages, admit patients, maintain patient records and handle construction projects and building maintenance.

Work from Home: WBR volunteers staff a Call Center that responds to calls regarding "what to do" when a bird is rescued. This team enables the staff and volunteers located at WBR to devote 100% of their time to bird care. WBR fields over 1500 calls during the spring/summer months. Often the bird "rescuer" can be prompted to take action which saves the bird's life and/or avoids hospitalization.

Training: All returning volunteers receive refresher training and new volunteers are introduced to the basics and receive ongoing training from the more experienced volunteers.

Help Educate: The minimum cost of care for an injured songbird for 5 weeks is \$57. If required, medicines and veterinary services raise the cost substantially. WBR needs help with events and educating on the importance of songbirds and maintaining a healthy and safe environment for them as well as promoting WBR's rehabilitation services in the community. WBR is funded by your donations and fundraising events and receives no federal or state funding. You can donate online or send donations to the address listed on the front of this newsletter!

To find out more about volunteering at WBR attend an Orientation. Here are the dates:

Saturday, February 15 at 1 pm

Friday, March 13 at 6 pm

Saturday, March 14 at 1 pm.

Let us know you will be attending by emailing wbr.schedulehelp@gmail.com

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

9624 Midland

St Louis, MO 63114 or email

wbr.edir@gmail.com

No transportation or housing provided.



Experienced Volunteer Diane examining a Woodcock as she trains Anna, who joined the WBR Volunteer Team in 2019.

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

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