

Wild Bird Rehabilitation
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Thank you for your help!

Due to safety concerns, the **Trivia Night & Silent Auction** scheduled for October 22, 2021 was canceled. Thanks to our generous donors and bidders we were able to host an online Silent Auction "Bidding for Birds". You responded to our call! Many who had purchased tables generously donated their table reservation fee. Your help is appreciated. The Trivia Night and Silent Auction plays a significant part in our annual budget and we are grateful for your help. Thank you for your support! *Special thanks to these generous sponsors: Kathryn G Favre Foundation for Animals and Central Trust Company. We look forward to seeing you in 2022!*

Here's a Second Chance...

If you missed the opportunity to bid during the online auction – you can pick up a Grab Bag (\$10) or an Arundale Sky Café Squirrel Proof Bird Feeder (\$35) shown here. Available at WBR during normal business hours.



Tips on Bird Feeding This Winter

The **Missouri Department of Conservation** is a great resource for information about Missouri wildlife. Their web site links to information about **Bird Feeding** at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/activities/bird-feeding> and discusses the types of food and eating habits of various types of birds. "Some birds, such as tufted titmice and chickadees, are finicky eaters, whereas mourning doves and white-throated sparrows will eat about any type of seed. Many people start with black-oil sunflower seeds and add other seeds to draw in more species."

Help Save Birds!

We're getting ready for spring! You can help by using the enclosed envelope to send your tax-deductible donation or visit our website www.wildbirdrehab.org. WBR receives no federal or state funding and is supported by your donations.



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*Please call before you bring
in a bird*

Hours of Operation
Daily
9 am – 1 pm
5 – 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.

You're Invited to Join WBR's Volunteer Team!

It's never too early to prepare for Spring at WBR! That's the time of the year when we admit orphaned baby birds and nurture them until they are developed and able to survive independently. 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 **Phone Team** that responds to calls regarding “what to do” when a bird is rescued. See Volunteer Corner on p. 3. This team enables the staff and volunteers located at WBR to devote 100% of their time to bird care. WBR fields over 1500 per month calls during the spring/summer months. Often the bird “rescuer” can be guided 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 \$68. 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. You can donate online, use the enclosed envelope or send donations to the address listed on the front of this newsletter!

To find out more about volunteering at WBR, attend an orientation during February or March. You can sign up on our website at <https://wildbirdrehab.org/get-involved> and WBR will contact you to schedule.

In Honor of...In Memory of

In Honor of Rosalie Gallina

Kathryn O'Neill

In Honor of Cosmo Wong

Donna Doctor

In Honor of Madalyn Comella

Michelle Comella

In Honor of my parents –

Ron & Diane Williams

Lisbeth Hodges

In Honor of Kate Boden

Lt Col Arthur House

In Honor of Karel Smith

Kim R Smith

In Honor of Karl Seifert

Kay Smallwood

In Honor of Mary Beth Spangler

Kathy Sicard

Steven & Nicole Harf

In Honor of Andy

Patricia Baldrige

In Honor of Diane Doster

Juanita Fox

Michael Doster

In Honor of Elaina Villhard

Julie Villhard

In Honor of Deborah Martin

Timothy Martin

In Honor of Kathryn Chase

Sherry Chase

In Honor of George Farrell

Wendy Knudsen

In Honor of Marion Bennett

Karen Little

Irvin Moellman

Floyd & Lisa Wildhaber

In Honor of Taube

Tannenbaum

Shira Tannenbaum

In Honor of Diane Bricmont

Wendy Williams

Cynthia Biehle

In Honor of Linda Shibley

Nofa Shibley

In Honor of Jacinda Jedlicka

Joseph Jedlicka

In Honor of Elyse Coffey-Wick

Grant Gardner

In Honor of Gracie

Jen Brewington

In Honor of Ziggy Wolff

Matt Wolff

In Honor of Leslie Wainwright & Donna Short

Ann Woody

In Honor of Nighat Hameed

D.A. Jabbar, MD

In Honor of Sandy Mickelson

Nancy Grove

In Honor of our hummingbirds

Cynthia Bechtel

In Honor of our bluejays

Rafia Zafar

In Honor of Goosey, the Robin

Eric & Lisa Mueller

In Honor of Walter Pigeon

Marian Isaac

In Honor of Hazelnut, Salem & Jubilee

Allison Hemingway

In Honor of Charles Birdie, the House Sparrow

Daniel DiPlacido

In Memory of Maria Blest

Cindy Blest

In Memory of Naomi Davis

Barbara Unser

In Memory of Rosemarie Goldbeck

Jack Goldbeck

In Memory of Rose Lee Phillips

Judith Phillips



Red-bellied Woodpecker recovering after being hit by a car.

In Memory of Ginny Nester

Mary Kriegshauser

In Memory of Margaret Giblin

Daryl Giblin

In Memory of Kevin Carbol

Gary & Kathy Davis

Rhonda & William Richey

Janice Mobley

Cynthia Bochantin

Bobbie Robertson

Hedy & Kim Boone

Debra Besselman

Susan Jewell Brawner

Tom & Nancy Caruso

In Memory of Jan Boulanger

Joy & Catherine Boulanger

In Memory of Jo Ann Flottmann

William Flottmann

In Memory of my sister, Sue

Jane Cohen

In Memory of Naomi Davis

Barbara Unser

In Memory of David Faintich

Carol Faintich

In Memory of Doris Fortner

Walter Fortner

In Memory of Jeanne Russell

Glorianna L'Ecuyer

In Memory of Randy Houshmand

John Garvey

In Memory of Helen Komoravski

Rede lar

In Memory of Daniel

Nancy H. Grove

In Memory of Dorothy Morris

Al Morris

In Memory of Michael

Temperate

Jane Cohen

In Memory of Michele

Lautenbach

Joshua Garner

In Memory of Dr Myron & Sue Dmytryszyn

Marietta Abele

In Memory of Michele McGrath

Deborah Noerper

In Memory of Joseph & Loyola Ewen

Linda Isbell

In Memory of Jessie

Lynn Sprich

In Memory of Hum

Bill Lindsay

In Memory of Lucky Bird, Pachi

Margie Lauman

In Memory of Ginger, the Cockatiel

Deborah Martin

In Memory of our dear rescue, Petey

Patricia Viamontes

In Memory of Molly, the best basset

Julie Whitmire

In Memory of rescued poodle, Misty

Patricia Drone

Calendar of Events

Volunteer Orientations scheduled during February & March. Sign up at <https://wildbirdrehab.org/get-involved> and WBR will contact you.

Incubator Fundraiser, April, help us care for our hatchling and nestling patients during baby bird season! They require warmth to simulate life in the nest cuddled up with their siblings. Dates to be announced on our Facebook page and through email.

Give STL Day, Thursday, May 5, 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.

Trivia Night & Silent Auction, Friday, October 22, Kirkwood Community Center. Save the date for this event which is WBR's major fundraiser of the year.

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: Denise White
9624 Midland Blvd
St Louis, MO 63114 or email wbr.schedulehelp@gmail.com
No transportation or housing provided.

Volunteer Corner

If you would like to help save birds but can't schedule time at WBR, there is a way you can help- **join our phone team!** This group responds to members of the community who call WBR when they have found a bird in distress. The phone team answers the call from home or anywhere they have cell service! Birds range from adults dazed after a window strike to abandoned hungry nestlings. You will discover by answering phones for WBR how caring and kind people are and how grateful they are for the guidance the team offers.



Cedar Waxwings found on the Rescuer's front lawn!

The phone team determines the best course of action. By asking a series of questions it may be possible to reunite a baby with its parents or it may be necessary to instruct someone on capturing a bird to bring it to WBR for medical attention. WBR provides comprehensive training and offers guidance and support from other team members and our medical staff as needed. This group is a critical part of our operation and important in insuring birds in need receive help.

In this time of uncertainty one thing is certain - by April birds will return to our area and by May babies will arrive! If you would like to be part of Season 2022 please fill out a volunteer application at www.wildbirdrehab.org and WBR will contact you to schedule

training in February & March. If you have questions email our Volunteer Coordinator at wbr.schedulehelp@gmail.com.

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