

Helping birds of prey through education
rehabilitation and conservation.



Annual Report 2021

Hoo's Woods Raptor Center

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Your help makes a difference!



Dear Friends,

We hope that all of you and your friends, families and colleagues had a healthy and safe 2021. Through your contributions, we have been able to complete many projects and progress together in both education and rehabilitation. Hoo's Woods remains a valuable regional resource for injured, ill, and orphaned raptors. We are committed to the patients currently in care and provide raptor education programs to audiences of all ages.

During the spring and summer months we were able to resume outdoor programming, however as the colder weather sets in many organizations are still limiting indoor programs. Our education programs are vital and one of our main sources of funding. We are continually exploring ways to continue to educate folks of all ages about the importance of wildlife and conservation.

With your continued support, we will be able to continue providing a high level of care for our patients, education for the public, and enhancement of our center. It takes a dedicated team to create these successes. We sincerely thank our board, staff, volunteers, sponsors, private donors and individuals who donate or help in some other way each year. The success of our center and work is shared by our community.

Dianne Moller
Executive Director



Children meeting Oakley our spectacled owl during a program with Hoo's Woods.

A Look at This Year!

Statistics

- Over 150 birds cared for this year. 70% return rate
- 5,000 lbs of food will be consumed by year end which include: 1 ton of commercially raised rodents, 1 ton of commercially raised quail and ½ ton of venison, fish, rabbits
- 8,000 miles placed on our vehicle which included: rescues, vet visits, programs, picking up food, and a lot of errands
- Hoo's Woods is considered to have one of the top collections of education ambassadors in the Midwest

Special Moments In Rehab

“Sherlock” is a Krider’s Red tailed hawk was recovered just a mile from Hoo’s Woods. She is currently in our care recovering from a broken wing after being struck by a vehicle. Krider’s are a subspecies of red tailed hawks, much whiter and smaller than our resident eastern red tails. These beautiful hawks typically nest in the northwest part of the U.S. and winter in the central plains. We believe she simply got off course during migration. Her prognosis is very good and will remain with us until spring.



Release of “Cracker Jack” Great Horned Owl with children at Storrs’ Lake, Milton. Cracker Jack was recovered on a farm covered in caramel corn byproduct after chasing mice into the bunker silo. After 5 baths in Dawn he was able to be released back to the wild.



Education Ambassadors Update



Left: Our tiniest resident “Oopsie” a Northern Saw Whet Owl taken at our Fall Photo Event. Note the size difference between him and the apple. Above Wapaha our Golden Eagle, at 24 he is our oldest resident.



“Bill and Ted” We said goodbye to one of our most popular and beloved ambassadors “Bill”, the gray eastern screech owl. Although tiny in size he left a big impression with folks of all ages. Ted is still with us and has a new friend, a red screech owl named “Ed”.



“Queen” A Great Gray Owl, is our newest resident joining our education team in January. Great Gray Owls are the tallest and one of the rarest owls in the world. Found in bogs and dense forests in Canada, they are occasionally sited in northern Wisconsin. Queen suffered a permanent wing injury leaving her flightless after being struck by a vehicle. She was recovered near Spooner WI and treated by Winged Freedom Hospital.

Facility Updates:

Our We Energies Foundation education room was completed this summer. We hosted programs, workshops, classes and training sessions with plenty of space for a more enjoyable and comfortable experience for our participants. Thank you to We Energies Foundation, Antonia Foundation, Ecolab Foundation, Vitech Int'l, Green Bay Packers Foundation and Colleen Frentzel American Family Agency for their contributions to this important project.



A New Woods for Hoo's Woods!

Commercial farming moved in on us and with that brought many changes. Many rows of large mature trees were removed to be replaced with crops. We relied on many of these trees that neighbored our property for years to serve as perching, pre-release exercise, hacking young raptors and flight training. With the help of our community, in just 3 days, we were able to purchase 15 tall fast growing trees from K&W Greenery with a 50% discount. Additional small pines were donated by Tallgrass Prairies along with a generous contribution by Hang Glide Wisconsin and many other individuals via Facebook. Thank you!

We Sincerely Thank You!

It takes an entire team to make an organization successful and that includes our board members, volunteers, sponsors, foundations, corporations, private donors and our community. Our veterinarians donate their time and ensure that each bird receives the same high level of care. A big thank you to the Token Creek Veterinary Hospital; Dr. Diane Zilker and Dr. Sonja Covington, and the UW Veterinary School of Ophthalmology: Dr. Ellison Bentley.

We are grateful to the following foundations for again helping us this year: We Energies Foundation, Antonia Foundation, Vitech Int'l, Blackhawk Bank of Janesville, Ecolab Foundation, MGE Foundation, Tallgrass Prairies, Shackelford Family Foundation, American Family Colleen Frentzel Agency, Handy Art of Milton.

(we apologize for any names omitted)

Your support is sincerely appreciated, we couldn't do this without you!

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**“Alone we can
do so little;
together we
can do so
much” -
Helen Keller**

Thank you for your support!

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