

Spring 2016



Come Join Us!

WRCNU's 6th Annual Wildlife Baby Shower and Open House (April 22, 23 & 24th)

Each year our event continues to grow—hundreds participate and we hope you will join us! We have amazing sponsors and lots of support from businesses and individuals promising to make this year the best yet.

Some of the awesome auction items and activities from our 2015 Open House



Kids' Crafts and Raptor Presentations



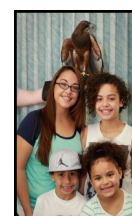
Nest boxes to Beehives



Local Art



Baskets Galore ...
And House Plants to Pearls!



Photos with Raptors

Our Annual Open House allows the public to meet our volunteers and staff, view parts of our facility, and through one-way viewing and Closed Circuit TV get a glimpse of any current wildlife babies we may have in our care.

Enjoy our education animal ambassadors, light refreshments, crafts and games for children as well as many sponsored silent auction baskets and items for “the big kids”. This event doesn't get us through the year, but it's a big step to starting us on the right path for the coming “Baby Season.”

Meet our two newest Ambassadors:

Margaret is a large female Red-tailed Hawk with an even bigger attitude.

Rambo is our male Great Horned Owl and, just like the legendary “John Rambo” portrayed by actor Sylvester Stallone, his body is a lethal weapon. Our ten education animals will be on display (times vary) throughout the event ... come get “up close and personal” with these magnificent WRCNU Ambassadors.



“Margaret”



“Rambo”

Ways To Support Your WRCNU “Baby Shower”!

FIRST! Please attend during one of our three Open House days (Friday, Saturday or Sunday) April 22, 23, or 24th. Of course, you can come all three days if you wish and many do—FUN for the entire family!

SECOND! Please Bring a “Shower Gift”. Our event is free, but after all, it is a Baby Shower and we just LOVE “STUFF”. For ideas of items we really need, please go to www.wrcnu.org and hover over the “Donate” Tab, then click on “Needs List” or “Wish List” for ideas.

THIRD! You get COOL STUFF and we get cash! Help us convert our many incredible sponsor baskets into much needed “Cash for Rehab”. We always need cash for vet bills, medical supplies, specialty animal foods and more.

FOURTH! If you absolutely can't afford a gift, then we would still love to have you come and see our Center, our staff and amazing volunteers and our animal ambassadors; just promise us you'll come to enjoy yourselves and learn as much as you can about reducing the impact of living with nature whether in your backyards or elsewhere.

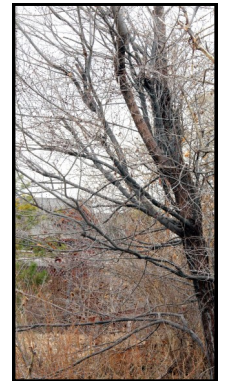
FINALLY! If you'd like to come, but can't (we will be really 😞 sad) but please check out the many ways to support WRCNU on our website's Donation Page: www.wrcnu.org

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE:

It's Good for YOU, Good for WRCNU, and GREAT for WILDLIFE!

What can YOU do to save yourself a lot of headaches? Interestingly enough, it is the same thing that will save your local rehabber a lot of headaches and money, and most importantly it helps our wildlife by preventing literally hundreds of unnecessary orphans and injuries.

Human impact accounts for over 90% of the wildlife WRCNU receives each year. Most of these encounters are preventable. The fewer patients we see with preventable injuries means the more attention we can give to the truly needy wildlife who require our licensed experience and care. This also saves precious limited funds—money donated by you.



Prune before new leaves appear (Sep-Mar)

Be proactive, prevent wildlife injuries and help yourself too! It's EASY! Each year WRCNU takes in hundreds of healthy baby birds and animals because they were removed prematurely from their homes or nests by people who didn't like where they were living. That's right, all because their parents found a nice little spot to call "home" inside *your* home. Did you leave "the door wide open"?

Did you leave a "Welcome Sign" on your home?

When you leave that damaged soffit hanging open, your broken dryer vent uncovered or leaves and branches in your gutters, you are hanging a "Welcome sign" for your wildlife neighbors. Even parents who build nests away from your house often find themselves prematurely "evicted" and their babies homeless by untimely yard work. Pruning trees and shrubs during the "baby season" is the quickest way to turn perfectly healthy, yet helpless babies into orphans who now need the care of a licensed wildlife rehabber.

Dryer Vents: even a small gap is an "invite" to move in for birds, rodents and wasps.



"Why Won't my Clothes DRY!?!?"

Dryer Vent to the right allowed a family of House Sparrows to move in.



Please "Close the Door" now! Inspect and maintain your home to seal cracks and openings, repair siding and eaves and ensure dryer vents have guard covers to prevent animals from entering. Having your chimney properly capped allows use of your fireplace while preventing wildlife from entering. These preventive measures are inexpensive and can be found at your local hardware store.



Example of vent caps used on HVAC vents.



Welcome Signs REMOVED!

Examples (left/right) of roof eaves, soffits, attic vent caps and rain gutters all in good working order; secured, closed up, and gutters cleaned out.



Less than \$8 - \$20 to repair and cap your dryer vent; Dry clothes and no orphans ... NO MORE HEADACHES!

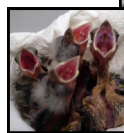


Prune all trees and hedges while they are dormant if possible, ideally from September to March. PLEASE do not prune from April to August as this is the most active time for wildlife babies. It is nearly impossible to spot a small 1-1/2 inch hummingbird nest with two small bean-sized eggs or babies inside before it is cut down. Please don't take the chance; don't make orphans.



Green Leaves, Bees Buzzing and Flowers Blooming = "Baby Season" and a Bad time to prune your vegetation.

Please consider Pruning from Sept to March



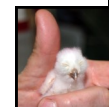
Orphaned Grosbeaks



"Bees Buzzing and Flowers Blooming"



Orphaned Hummingbirds and a baby Screech Owl

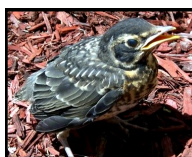


Above: nest found after tree was cut down.

Found a baby on the ground? Please call a licensed wildlife rehabber BEFORE picking it up; most often it's just a fledgling being fed by its parents and learning to fly; keep pets away for 24-72 hours and it will be just fine. Parents always do a better job. If it doesn't have all its feathers, it may have fallen from the nest too soon—call us and we'll help you make the right decision. You can also go to our website's "Wildlife Help" tab at www.wrcnu.org for our "I Found a Baby Bird" Flowchart.



Left: a "Nestling" is a baby that is naked or without "true feathers", this one belongs back in its nest.



Left: a "Fledgling" is a young bird with true feathers learning to fly and find food while supervised by parents—give them 24-72 hrs to "figure it out". Stay away, keep pets indoors, and watch from inside your house as the parents feed and care for their baby; you may hear parents and baby call to each other.

Bald Eagle "Aquila" Released!

Our first Bald Eagle patient of the year #030, later named "Aquila", was rescued after an apparent collision with a motor vehicle in mid-January. Aquila suffered many bumps and bruises, but his most serious injury was a broken coracoid (collar bone) which luckily mended beautifully and allowed a magnificent return back into the wild on March 11th.



Aquila Takes Flight

Photo by David Hestand,
WRCNU Board of Directors

WRCNU staff and volunteers thank everyone in our community of supporters who helped make this possible with your important donations.



Aquila Kickin' Up the Dirt

Photo by Debbye Boe, WRCNU Volunteer

Check out our new "WRCNU Sustainer" donor levels!

Below is our first glimpse of our new donor levels—seven levels: from the beautiful and entertaining Chickadee to the majestic Golden Eagle! Each Spring we will list our "Sustainers"; those supporters who gave monthly donations of \$5 or more, or total annual gifts valued at \$100 or more during the previous year. Next year each category will be depicted by a beautiful art sketch produced by one of our talented WRCNU co-Founders.

Please join the ranks and become a WRCNU Sustainer TODAY!



2015 * WRCNU Sustainers and Partners * 2015

Golden Eagles:

(\$5,000 and up annually)

Ogden City
Parrish Creek Veterinary Clinic
Scott & Kim Best
Tracy Aviary
U of U "Mouse House"
Walbridge Fund
WRCNU's VOLUNTEERS (Blood, Sweat & Tears)

Ospreys:

(\$100/month; \$1,200 - \$4,999 annually)

Broussard, Craig
Farber, Annalu
Finch, Timothy
Hilton, Loretta
Hunter, Doug & Tana
LaFayette, Pam
Lierman, Mike
Marthaler, Buz & DaLyn
Olschewski, Jared & Pam
PacifiCorp/Rock Mountain Power
Page, Audrey & David A
Parker, Jeff
Patagonia
Quigley, Samuel
Smith, Leonard & Elyse
Smith, Liz and "The Kids"
Steed, Jason
Stokes, Jessica & Cory

Great Horned Owls:

(\$50/month; \$600 - \$1,199 annually)

Ahrens, Craig
Ally Bank
Autoliv ASP, Inc
Berry, Jolene
Cady, Jennifer
Edwards, David & Lisa
Engelke, Travis
Evenden, Jeanne
Ford, Chris & Mary
Grunow/Daly, Jeff & Jill
Hammersley, James & Susan
Hestand, David & Shelly
Kraft, Connie
Peterson, Donald
Shaum, Michael & Darla
Smelzer, Quentin & Margot
Woerner, Anthony

North American

Beavers:

(\$35/month or \$420 - \$599 annually)

Batista, Alicia
Boe, Debbye
Campbell, Lawrence
CJT For the Greater Good, Inc
La Madeleine, Kyle & Elizabeth
Lee, Arlea
Marthaler, James & Marjie

Melling Family Foundation
Palmer, Pamela & Glenn
Parker, Annette
Red Ant Works, Inc
Smith, Jolynn
Vowles, Maureen & Mike
Winfrey, Scott & Family
Allaire, John & Patricia
Andersen, Karen
Arnett, Nancy

Ravens:

(\$20/Month or \$240-\$419 annually)

Bean Family Foundation
Branson, Sunny
Bunker, Jennifer
Byington, Karen
Clark, Pat
DeCaria, Tina
Endonino, Catherine
Evans, James
Hanewinkel, William
Harwood-Nuss, Ann
Hogan, Tracey
Jensen Gisela
Jones, Dave & Roxanne
Kauffman, Ulla & Jim
Keesler, Jilyon
Knowlton, Kristine
Lofthouse, Dawn
Matheny, Pam
Melville/Heisler, Karen/Edward
Murdock, Kaye

Neubar, Elizabeth
Olson, April
Ontes, Steve & Gail
Panek, Susan
Scadden, Cailin
Scott, Sherri
Segni, Wesley
Stewart, Jane & Thomas
Styer, Joseph
Tanner Family Foundation
Taylor, Jeane
Thorsted, Donna & Gregory
Trussell, Susan & David
Vanderbeek, Cori
Warren, Lee
Westcott, Diane & Kevin
Woodring, Shannon

Flying Squirrels:

(\$15/month or \$180 - \$239 annually)

Becerra, Erika
Bleskey, Patrick & Carol
Brown, Richard
Burbach, Deborah
Christensen, Heidi
Coe, Janis
Collins/Schoffstall, Tom & Margie
Dallimore, Joseph & Wendy
Devey, John & Marie
DeHaan, Juule
Garner, Robert & Linda
Hall, Christopher & Sherrie
Jenkins, Robert & Lori



2015 * WRCNU Sustainers and Partners * 2015 (continued)

Flying Squirrels (cont):

(\$15/month or \$180 - \$239 annually)

Kagan, Cynthia
Nixon, Carole
O'Neill, Sheila
Pack, Cami
Peer, Linda
Rady, Susan & David
Rosales, Noah
Samaniego, Manuel
Stevens, Kathleen & William
Terry, Douglas & Susan
Torstenson, Kristi
Trush, Michelle
Weeks, Andrea
Wheadon, Kate
Young, Tiffany

Chickadees:

(\$5/month, \$100-\$179 annually, or undisclosed CFC donations / Others)

Abbott, Linda
Allred, Susan
Anderson, Dale, Anne & Colin
Ansler, Julie
Austin, Valerie
Baggenstos, Bryan & Melinda
Berryman, Dale
Berthrong, Candy
Bevan, John
Beverly, Roberta
Bilsky, Jeff
Bordelon, Joseph
Boyle, Glen & Sharon
Bruno, Twyla
Bryner, Kenny & Michelle
Carter, David, Louise, Josh & Logan
Cassidy, Lee & Diane
Chinnock, Richard
Christensen, Alex
Coleman, Lianna
Coles, Curtis
Connell, Chad
Cooper, Susan

Copeland, Milada
Cousineau, Rebecca
Crugun, Tracey
Cramer, Lori
Crockett, Tani
Crotty, Michael
Cutrubus, Ann
DeBord, Thomas & Mamie Sum
Eardley, Don & Connie
Eliason, Brett
Elmer, Karen & Bob
Engleby, Kim
Essler, Debbie
Evans, Diane
Feldman, Ann
Fielding, Ron
Forman, Janet
Frame, Kelli
Galli, Robin
Galloway, Patricia
Garrett, Jennifer
Garrett, Karen & Pat
Garrick, Richard
Green, Murette
Gregoire, Dan & Elizabeth
Guillen, Brenda
Hannay, Stormy
Hansen, Nikki
Harris, Mark
Heath, Frank
Hendrix, Richard & Cori
Hill, Bruce & Sherri
Hill, Paul
Hirschi, Richard
Hobbs, Justin & Mary
Holly, Mary
Hom / Barhorst, King / Donna
Huber, Natasha
Humphrey, Todd & Rachel
Immormino, Nancy
Ingle, Howard
Isaac, Holly
Isgreen, Kanya & Natasha
Jacobs, Kay
Jacobsen, Jenica & Z
Johnson, Leland
Johnson, Mike

Jones, Patricia
Joslyn, Dana & David
Karlsen, Dorothy
Klein, Julia
Krob, Kathleen
Lake, Crystal
LaMont, Sheldon
Larsen, Laura
Law, Margo
Lewis, Laura
Lounds, Todd & Sarah
Lowe, Dawn
MacDuff, Robyn
Martin, Dennis
McChristal, James
McLelland, Cher
Merola, Paul & Hannah
Mullins, Lucinda
Myers, Linda
Nicoson, Mary
Nunn, Deneen
Oberholzer, Adrian
O'Brien, Russell
Ogata, Wendy
Paige, John & Shelley
Palau, Shellie
Pantone, Donald & Janica
Pappas, Stephanie
Pedigo, Jennifer
Pett, Sheri
Petty, Olivia
Plocharsky, Marcia
Ramirez, Victoria
Rasmussen, April
Rees, Irene
Rees, Kathleen
Rodriguez, Curstin
Rollins, Judith
Romesburg, H. Charles & Sandra
Schenk, Alison & Joel
Schluter, Vic & Debbie
Schmidt, Jennifer
Schmitz, Constance
Schramm, Barbi
Schuyler, Howard K.
Shadow Valley Elementary
Shaw, Nancy

Shepherd, Karen
Sherwood, Antonia
Smith, Duncan
Spencer, Jeana
Stene, Stephen
Stewart, Michelle
Strommen, Kaleigh
Swerlik, Heather
Tabor, Mel
Taylor, Beverly
Thompson / Branson, Sanford / Michelle
Tidwell, Donnae
Tresithney, Peraza
Turek, Marla & Greg
Vervloet, Becky
Vogelsang, Linda
Vowell, Randy & Lori
Weber, Ronald
Weems, Stephanie
Weiskopf, Linda & David
Wendt, Sharon
Wheelwright, Alan
Wickliffe, Robin
Williams, DeNise
Williams, Jon
Wilson, Alexa
Wilson, Marjorie
Winfrey, Noel & Betty
Wydah Corporation
Ziegler, Patricia

Synergy Partners:

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brookside Animal Hospital
Center for Biological Diversity
Council for all Wildlife
Defenders of Wildlife
Great Basin Wildlife Rehab/Education
GSL Audubon
HawkWatch International (SLC)
Second Chance Wildlife Rehab
The Humane Society of the United States
Weber State University
Western Wildlife Conservancy
Wild About Birds
Wild Friends—Best Friends

There is no state or federal funding for our program, we depend on donations from supporters like you.

...you are our strength and hope.

As a team, if everyone gives a little, we can do A LOT! As a team we will make *miracles* happen!

Thank You for being part of a group that believes education and raising awareness about habitat, environment, conservation and human impact is important.



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