

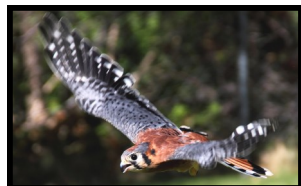
Winter 2014/15



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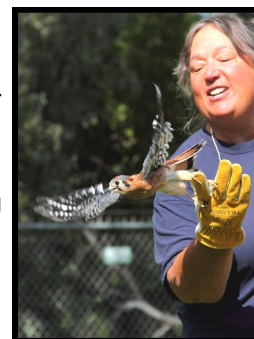
All we can say is "WE SURVIVED!" We made it through one of the toughest years yet and the ONLY way this was possible is thanks to YOU!

2014 started with more Bald Eagles than we've ever seen at one time, a total of 18 patients between December 2013 and February 2014. This period was followed by the longest and largest influx of wildlife patients ever seen during our annual "Baby Animal Season" (April-September). By the end of 2014 we expect to see over 2,400 patients, a whopping 10% increase over the previous year.



Hephaestus flies FREE!

Each year (typically in Nov/Dec) we exceed the previous year's number of patients, but this year we surpassed that number on Labor Day weekend with still four months to go in 2014. Each year we face and meet tough new challenges. Thanks to your generous support WRCNU was once again able to rise to the occasion. Whether you are a financial supporter or a volunteer, YOU are a critical part of our team; a team of people actively participating in our mission of "Rehabilitation, Education and Release."



Hephaestus the burned Amer. Kestrel is released with renewed feathers by volunteer Happy Lee

2014 Milestones

- Last winter WRCNU was met with an unprecedented nationally and historically significant West Nile Virus outbreak affecting our Nation's American Bald Eagle.
- This summer we released "Bucky" the last of the "Willard Bay Six" beavers from the 2013 Chevron Fuel spill onto Ken & Bonnie's beaver-friendly land; Bucky and her male friend "Bully" are reportedly doing great.
- We continue to partner with other nonprofits in the "Get the Lead Out" campaign, an effort to eliminate lead from our environment.
- WRCNU united with numerous local individuals and conservation groups to reduce the wanton waste of Utah's wildlife through public opposition to a new law that sanctions a baseless and unnecessary American Crow hunt. Currently, we are also supporting a grassroots effort to save the rare and essential habitat of one of the nation's largest Greater Sage-grouse leks from destruction due to pending sale and development.



Photo: Greater Sage-grouse male; USFWS, in the Public Domain

Wildlife Rehabilitation, a Unique and Specialized Service

Our Wildlife Rehabilitation Program provides medical treatment to, rehabilitation for, and finally, reintroduction of wildlife back into appropriate habitat. WRCNU disseminates information to raise public awareness of the threats to wildlife resulting from increasing urbanization, loss of habitat and direct human actions harmful to wildlife. We work to nurture an appreciation of the many natural wonders literally "in our own back yards", in addition to the wildlife residing in our surrounding forests, wetlands and desert habitats. This work is performed by an incredible array of volunteers—In 2014 alone, 379 of these volunteers provided over 19,500 working hours of critically important services.

Wildlife Rehabilitation is not a hobby and is seldom fun. It is a full-time endeavor that can be fascinating, stimulating, rewarding and satisfying, but is rarely fun. Working 365 days a year including weekends and holidays; 8-16 hours a day, is physically and mentally demanding, emotionally stressful, and considerable work. It involves many tasks that are not pleasant, such as cleaning wounds, scrubbing cages, and occasionally making very difficult decisions. Animals in our care are given another chance at life. A chance they would not have without your support. This work is not for everyone, but everyone can be part of the successful outcome ... part of the WRCNU TEAM!

Phoenix, The Next Chapter

Phoenix the baby Golden Eagle that was severely burned in the 5,500 acre “Dump Fire” in June 2012 has healed miraculously (it was a miracle that he even survived), but WRCNU has reluctantly come to the conclusion that Phoenix will not be able to return to the wild for several reasons: 1) Due to the burn scars on his upper/lower mandible, his beak will require ongoing maintenance to keep it in proper order so he can eat and function on his own; 2) most of his feathers are “near perfect” but for protection from the elements he did not fully recover; 3) Finally, Phoenix was very young when injured and has been in captivity for over two years, so no matter how we look at it, this will have an effect on his ability to be truly “wild”.



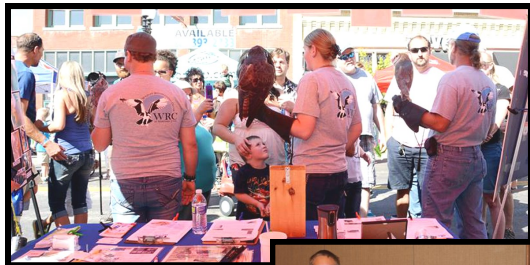
We are saddened by this assessment, but now our hopes are that Phoenix will become an inspirational ambassador for protecting critical habitat, raising awareness of our magnificent wildlife and our obligation to protect them. Thank you all for your support of Phoenix and WRCNU during this long and difficult journey; although this is not the outcome we’d hoped we still consider his survival and future a success.

Focusing on Growth

In 2015, with your help, we will maintain and improve our “Rehabilitation, Education & Release Program”. We will strive for greater staff expertise through increased training focused on improving the proficiency of our paid and volunteer staff while increasing the number of quality volunteers so gravely needed to support this program. We continue to improve the overall effectiveness of our wildlife-friendly facility to accommodate the ever growing number of patients without impacting the level of care we currently provide.

And Finally

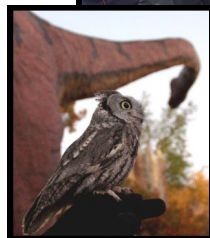
We can never forget this most important thank you: November marks four years in the Carol Conroy Browning facility located at the mouth of Ogden Canyon next to our good friends at the George S. Eccles Dinosaur Park. We remain forever grateful for the support of Ogden City, who allows us to continue our unique service to our growing community as the largest wildlife rehabilitation center in the state. **We cannot thank you enough Ogden City!**



Above: WRCNU educators at Ogden’s Harvest Moon Festival



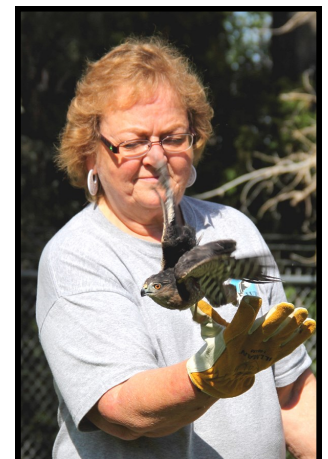
Our new “feather Education cart” Eagle Project built by Eagle Scout Tristan Carey.



WRCNU’s cutest ambassador, “Pete” at Dino Park



WRCNU Education booth at “Wild About Birds”



Sharp-shinned Hawk released by volunteer Debbye Boe

SO, JOIN US! We are able to do what we do, because people like you do what you can. Whether it’s your financial support, volunteerism, or both, we could not continue to be here for the 10,379 individuals and families needing our services or the 2,400-plus wild patients in need without your role in this daily challenge. We at WRCNU, salute each and every one of you and hope to encourage more people like you to support us again in 2015 and beyond...

...you are our strength and hope.

“ 'Tis the Season ”

We ask again for your help because as you already know, we cannot do this without *you*. As this season brings our hearts and minds back around to the “spirit of giving” we hope you will consider WRCNU as a worthy cause deserving of your support.

Are you among our GROWING Team of “WRCNU Sustainers”? Spread your contribution out over the year. Monthly giving allows you to give a large annual gift through small monthly payments. A monthly donation to WRCNU is a tangible tax-deductible gift that will leave you knowing you are helping to make a difference. **QUESTIONS?** Email us at **INFO@WRCNU.ORG**

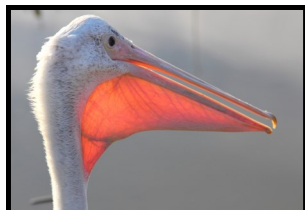
For the second year in a row we’ve been able to hire temporary staff members, without whom we wouldn’t have survived this difficult year. These employees were essential to ensure we had well trained personnel to provide care to patients and assist in training new volunteers. There is still no guarantee we can continue to afford this year after year without sustainable funding and the reality is that we need several more staff members as well as numerous qualified volunteers to continue with the current trend. Please help to ensure we have the personnel and supplies to continue our efforts.

What Will Your Dollar Buy?

Are you a daily Latte drinker? Do you have another enjoyment or vice (chocolate, soda, fast food, donuts, or others)? A daily 16 oz. Latte Grande comes out to more than \$115/month—look below at what your dollar can do for wildlife ... for far less than a latte a day.



\$5 a month (\$60/year) will feed a hummingbird a life-sustaining nutritional diet for 3 months—they don’t survive on “sugar water”



\$15 a month \$180/year will purchase 8-9 boxes of fish to feed an adult pelican for 2 months



\$25 a month (\$300/year) will feed an eagle for 2 months while in our care



\$50 a month (\$600/year) will provide a lifesaving surgery and follow-up care for 1 large raptor (Eagle, Hawk, Falcon or Owl)



\$100 a month (\$1,200/year) will provide essential food or medical care for many animals or 1 month’s minimum wage for a crucial Wildlife Apprentice position

Please remember, even if you are not able to be a sustainer, every donation counts. 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.

With warm holiday wishes from all of us at WRCNU!



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