

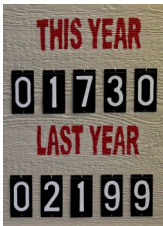
Summer 2014



"...responsible stewardship of wildlife and habitat."

Dear Friends,

Our first "Summer Newsletter" and you might wonder, "why?" Well, we just don't have the people or the time, BUT with that said, it is that time of year we need YOU the most and so we sacrifice to update you with a short and hopefully newsy letter and reach out for your continued support.



As we write this (mid July) we find ourselves with over 250 more animals received than we had this time last year and getting ever so close to last year's total of 2,199. It never gets easier and each day we realize the great need for the work of far too few wildlife rehabbers across the state as we see 10 to 40 animals enter our facility each day during the busy summer months.

BEAVERS! Did someone say "BEAVERS!?" We have some good news albeit lacking all the verification we would have liked (an actual sighting). We took a trip up to check on our release site of five of the "Willard Bay Six" beavers released last August and the good news is that at least one if not two or more beavers made it through the winter and are renovating their home. We saw a fresh new solid dam raising the water level almost 2 feet and extending the shoreline out about 15 feet from where it was prior. We do not know if they wintered in the lodges they started out in, but we did find a "bank lodge" (underwater entrance to an excavation into the bank) that is actively in use with a deep channel approach that was most likely necessary to get in and out under the thick ice during the cold winter months.



Dam with last year's initial "release" lodge in upper right corner



Jeff Parker inspects entrance to bank lodge

A Step forward—We recognize that what we do for the individual wild animal in need is important, at least to that patient, but we also realize that to make a truly positive impact on wildlife and wild habitats on a larger scale we must be involved on the "bigger scene". WRCNU was honored to be one of the many co-sponsors of Center for Biological Diversity's letter to the Senate opposing the so called "Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2014" which would have allowed the lead poisoning of wildlife and humans. Thanks to the support of millions of concerned Americans like YOU, this Bill died in the Senate.



Lead Poisoned Eagle
Died at WRCNU Jan 2014

On another front—We (along with the general public and several other state and regional conservation groups) are still involved in work here in Utah to try and stop the wanton waste of wildlife just for the sake of killing—the American Crow to be specific. Utah's Wildlife Board has okayed the first sanctioned hunting seasons for the American Crow even with the admitted understanding that they would not likely be consumed by the hunter. WRCNU is not anti-hunting, but we do desire hunters be ethical in their pursuit and use of the game they take. Banding together, we have successfully earned a public hearing on the 29th of July and hope to see cooler heads prevail—Join us in support on the 29th in SLC and wish us all, especially the Crow, good luck!



American Crow

At the beginning of the year we asked for your help by encouraging you to become **“WRCNU Sustainers”**. Many of you stepped up to this challenge and we truly do appreciate knowing we can expect that monthly donation (by PayPal, Credit Card, Check). It makes our lives so much easier to KNOW we are supported throughout the year to keep the patients fed and the important medical care funded. We encourage those of you who have not yet jumped on board to please consider even a small monthly donation and become a **“WRCNU Sustainer”!** Help alleviate some of the uncertainties of wildlife rehabilitation. **Note:** if you are a federal/military worker, CFC is a perfect way to become a sustainer and it starts again this fall: use CFC Charity Code 74219.

Did you know?



\$5 a month for a year can feed a baby hummingbird for 3 months—then off he flies!



\$12 a month for a year can purchase 6 boxes of fish to feed an adult pelican for 6 weeks while in our care.



\$50 a month for a year can provide a lifesaving surgery for an animal in our care.



\$15 a month for 10 months will feed an eagle 30 days while in our care.



\$25 a month for a year can provide food to feed an injured Red-tailed Hawk for its entire stay at WRCNU.

“Sustainment” allows WRCNU to forecast & budget with the knowledge that we can count on your donations and pledges to get us through not just the coming year, but many years and challenges to come.

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

***All of us at WRCNU hope you have a fun, safe summer and a chance to
GET OUT & ENJOY the GREAT OUTDOORS***

THANK YOU FROM: WRCNU Board of Directors, Staff, Volunteers, & ESPECIALLY our Patients!



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