

Spring 2019



Number of Wildlife Patients
Treated since 2009: > 21,100

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

PREVENTION IS THE GOAL!

2018 was our biggest patient year ever—2,513 wild animals treated at WRCNU.

We are inviting all of our supporters to participate in the ***"Cap and Cover Challenge."*** Help us prevent situations that cause animals that are otherwise fine from coming into our facility. This will save our precious resources for animals that are truly in need of help—read below & if YOU have the classic "open door," please fix it & share with 3 FRIENDS!

Prevention is the key: Prevention saves Human Impacts on our Wildlife, it saves YOU time, money & stress, and it will save your local Wildlife Rehabber from spending countless hours, money and other valuable resources treating sick, injured and orphaned patients that were otherwise avoidable.

Friends of Wildlife, *THE TIME IS NOW* and this is how YOU can help:

Pruning trees and shrubs—the height of the Baby Season is April 1st - end of August. We ask you to save your large scale tree cutting/pruning for a time outside of this crucial period—yes, we understand it may be an inconvenience, but the majority of patients we receive are during this period and most are due to our decisions to cut and trim when nesting season is directly upon us. If you must work during this season, PLEASE thoroughly inspect branches out to the tips for nests; inspect trees to be removed for any possible open cavity where small birds, owls, squirrels, raccoons, etc., are likely to nest and raise young. Hummingbird nests are less than 2" and very hard to see ... until it is too late!

Many tree cutting services are open year round and so scheduling removal during their "off-peak season" may be welcomed work and easier to schedule than during their busy season.

Cap It, Fix It, Plug It—Animal parents are always looking for protected nest sites to raise their young and what looks good to them is not always good for them or us. **Please join us in our "Cap and Cover Challenge," Fix it & Share it!**

Is your **chimney** an "open door"? Cheap covers can be found at home improvement and hardware stores. If you never use your fireplace, then save heating/cooling costs and close it up. If you use your fireplace, then there are cheap covers that allow you to burn while preventing animals from entering. Once installed, please inspect annually.

Newer efficient **furnaces** have horizontal air intakes (usually on the side of your homes) that many birds will see as a perfect "cavity" for nesting—this will cause costly repair bills and is never a good thing for the evicted animal. Same goes for your **Dryer Vents**—come to WRCNU to see an actual dryer vent that was plugged up by a busy momma bird who made a cozy nest inside the duct preventing the homeowner's cloths from drying—this happens hundreds of times every year and only takes a few dollars and a short time to fix with items available at a hardware store.

The "Welcome Sign": if you have bent, open, or missing **vent covers** on foundations, rooftops and attics, then you've got a Welcome Sign! Open **soffits** and damaged **siding** invite the little ones like mice and bats inside as well as sending a "Be Our Guest" message to larger guests like raccoons, skunks, owls, woodpeckers, and more. **"Fix it & Share it!"**

PLEASE GO TO www.wrcnu.org to view our "Spring 2016 Newsletter" located on our "Events and News" page for photos of problems you may have and ways/ideas to fix them.

Did You Find a Baby Animal 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. In this case, keep pets away for 24-72 hours and it should be just fine. Wildlife 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 find help by going to our website's "*Resources for Wildlife*" section at www.wrcnu.org for our wildlife Flowcharts.

2019 is Gearing Up and Already Looking to be a Standout!

We CANNOT do this without YOU on our team; PLEASE JOIN US!

Help us, Help Them to Soar again, Give Our Patients the Second Chance They Deserve!



Left to right: Rough-legged Hawk, American Kestrel (M), and Northern Harrier (F): all 3 photos by L'aura Lee Bradford Photography



Winter Releases: Few patients are actually released during the winter season. They are typically only seasoned adults released only when the weather will cooperate for several days after the release. Our goal is to get the patient back into familiar territory to ensure they have the best chance at locating food & shelter during the toughest time of year.

WHAT'S NEW?

WWW.WRCNU.ORG: Our Website had a complete makeover! We are still working on ways to make it better. Please take a cruise through the many pages and see what you think. You'll find photos, videos, access to past Newsletters, upcoming events, Volunteer Information, Donation information, Resources for your "wildlife concerns" and more.

Fall Speaker Series: Save the Date and join us for our 2nd Annual Fall Speaker Education Series Saturday, November 2, 2019, at the Timberline Restaurant in Ogden: Speaker John Shivik has served as a federal researcher, state predator biologist, federal regional wildlife program manager, and search-and-rescue dog handler. He has published widely in scientific and popular media, and is the author of *The Predator Paradox: Ending the War with Wolves, Bears, Cougars, and Coyotes*. Watch for more details on our website, social media, & 2019 Summer Newsletter in the coming months!

Museum Displays: We received generous in-kind gift donations from the Ogden Dinosaur Park Foundation as well as a grant from The Blacksmith Foundation and have some exciting new displays. Our museum will be open during our 10th Anniversary Baby Shower. See our Events Pages on *Facebook* and at *WWW.WRCNU.ORG* for details.

Facility Upgrades: Continuing to upgrade lighting to LED fixtures. New heating and cooling system for the Main Kennel room. New blinds in our Education room: we kicked out memories of the 80s and brought in the present!

Animal Non-releasables Ready for Their New "Forever Homes".

Each year, after successful reintroduction of 2/3rds of our patients back into the wild, we are left with those that cannot survive on their own. We always strive to locate licensed organizations for these amazing ambassadors

Currently in work: a *Short-eared Owl* destined for our own Tracy Aviary; one *Common Raven* (TBD); *Two American Kestrels*, one to our local Hogle Zoo and another, plus a *Saw-whet Owl*, to *RaptorsEye Education, Maryland*, and a *Juvenile Bald Eagle* (TBD)—we are STOKED to see them all in their new homes later this year!



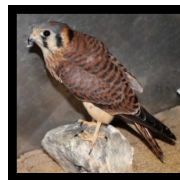
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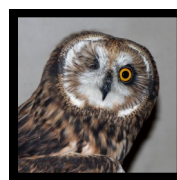
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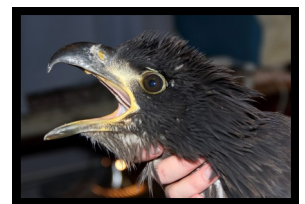
American Kestrel (M)



American Kestrel (F)



Short-eared Owl



Juvenile Bald Eagle



WRCNU's 10th Anniversary Wildlife Baby Shower (April 26, 27 & 28th)



We have just passed a significant mile marker in our journey from leaving a small shack to pursue our Nonprofit status in 2009. On February 19th, 2019 we celebrated our 10th Anniversary and we are feeling pretty GOOD!

Please come meet our staff and amazing volunteers. Take a pictorial tour of our ten year journey. Relive the challenges and the successes and help us thank the many, many supporters, big and small who have been with us since the beginning as well as those climbing aboard to help us continue to grow. While we cannot offer tours, baby animals in our baby room may be seen through one-way glass or on displayed TVs as our wildlife specialists feed them—baby squirrels to Great Horned Owls. We never know what we will get in or when, so come and see what is going on at WRCNU! See the enclosed flyer for more details.

Our 2019, 10th Anniversary Baby Shower SPONSORS!

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"Be the change you want to see in the world" ~Mahatma Gandhi



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(\$417/month; \$5,000 and up annually)

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a WRCNU Sustainer TODAY!
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There are no state or federal funds for our program, we depend on donations from supporters like you.

...you are our strength and hope.

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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