

Summer 2019



Number of Wildlife Patients
Treated since 2009: > 22,800

A NEW LOOK!

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

We hope you will appreciate this next big milestone in the relatively short history of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah (WRCNU). As part of our goal to *"Walk The Talk"*, we are giving our Newsletter a new look. Yes, the cost may be a bit more, but it is hard to put a price tag on progress and we hope this is progress we can all get behind. Our new Printer (CPCneutek) is Forest Stewardship Certified by Rainforest Alliance.



The Goal? A much smaller impact on our one and only home, this magnificent sphere we call "Earth". This Newsletter, as well as future correspondence, is looking at materials using Recycled and Forest Stewardship Council Certified papers, vegetable based inks, as well as the elimination of stamps, return address labels, envelopes, and more.

What Can You Do To Help? Please Reuse by Sharing with family, friends, and neighbors and when you've gotten all the "mileage" you can from it, please Recycle.

Volunteer Recognition

We wish to highlight two more of our Standout Volunteers who have helped us treat, feed, clean, and care for thousands of injured wildlife patients. This summer has seen some extremely long and tough days. Thankfully we have hard working volunteers, like those we are showcasing here. In fact, Laurie and Shannon arrived as a TEAM to help our TEAM and they have proven to be more than able to step up to the task and help ensure we succeed. When these two arrive each week, you can't help but SMILE ... they both have SUNNY, SMILEY faces that bring light into our world—"Sun glasses everyone, Laurie and Shannon are here!" 🕶️



Laurie Lybarger has been with us since August 2018 and this past year she has helped us with over 280 hours of Service to WRCNU. Laurie was also a huge part of our annual fundraising Committee this spring and helped to bring in a lot of new sponsors and goodies. Thank you Laurie! ❤️



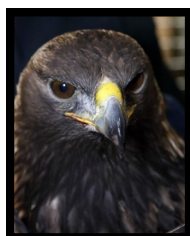
Shannon Price has also been with us since August 2018 and has given WRCNU over 250 hours of her time dedicated to helping the patients in our care. Shannon also took the "Bull by the horns" bringing in new sponsors and gear for our 10th Anniversary fundraiser. Thank you so much Shannon! ❤️

Latest Non-releasable Animal News

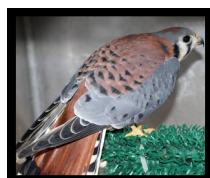
Each year, after successful reintroduction of two-thirds of our patients back into the wild, we are left with "non-releasables". We put a lot of effort into matching them with licensed organizations to become ambassadors.

Completed Transfers: American Kestrel to Utah's Hogle Zoo; Short Eared Owl to Tracy Aviary; and an American Kestrel and Northern Saw-whet Owl to Raptors Eye in MD.

Currently in Work: two *Common Ravens* (TBD); one *American Crow* (TBD); one *Juvenile Bald Eagle* and two *Golden Eagles*. All three Eagles have potential homes in the works, so fingers crossed the "paperwork and approvals" don't take TOO long; we are super excited to see them all in new homes!



Golden Eagle



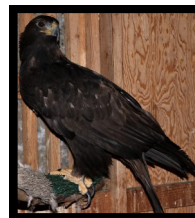
American Kestrel (M)



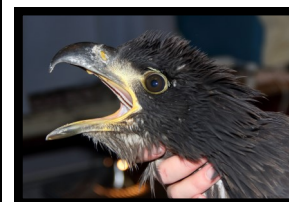
Northern Saw-whet



Common Raven

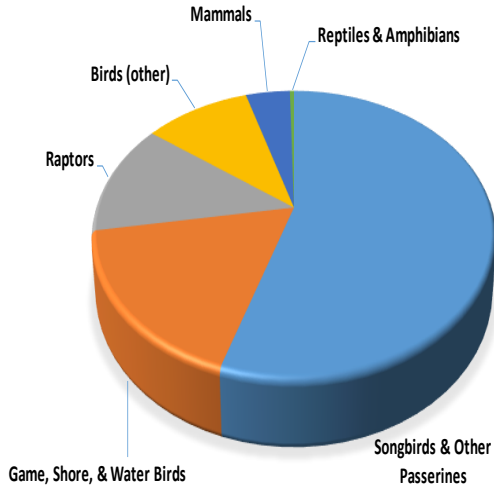


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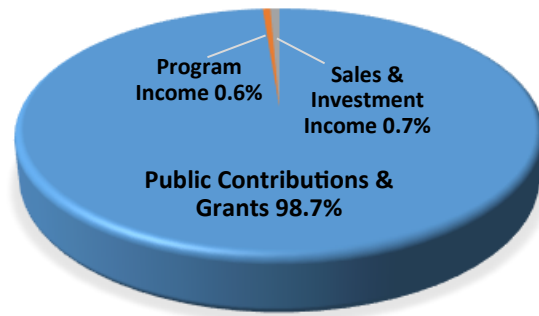


Juvenile Bald Eagle

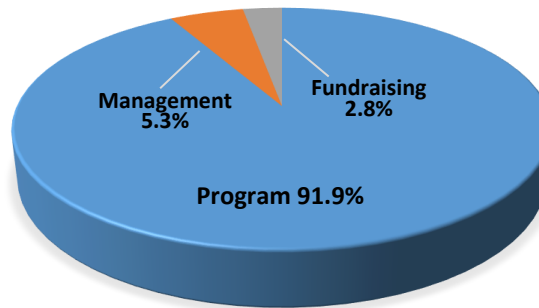
2018 Patient Numbers



2018 Income by Source



2017 Expenses by Class



A summary of “The Numbers”—2018 was our biggest year to date with 2,513 patients, yet as of the midpoint of 2019 we have the largest patient numbers ever at over 1,550. What we do is not cheap, but we feel it is important (saving the patient and educating the public). You might ask, “Why 2017’s Expense pie chart and not 2018’s?” We voluntarily request an independent audit of our finances every year. As of this printing our audit is not completed—Our annual audits and tax returns are available for review either on-line or during normal business hours.

SUMMER IS HERE, But ...

As summer heats up, so does the busy season at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah (WRCNU.) Currently we have taken in over 1,800 animals, a new record for this time of year, and we still have two months left of “Baby Season”!

For many people, summer means fun in the sun, which can lead to increased interactions with wildlife. Please remember that now is a vulnerable time for many young animals, who are just learning to fly, forage, and fend for themselves, before winter or migration. It is our deepest desire to *leave* healthy animals with their families, so that they can learn the necessary skills and social behaviors of their species quickly and effectively. Animals may not express grief and pain in the same way people do, but that doesn’t mean they feel nothing when a baby is taken or a bone is broken. If an animal is injured, then it is imperative to bring it to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator immediately. How do you know if an animal needs help? First, observe the animal and its surroundings. Does it look alert, unharmed, and safe, such as a fawn in the woods, or is it bleeding, fluffy, or holding its limbs asymmetrically, as with a bird attacked by a cat? If you are unsure, please refer to the “Resources for Wildlife” page on our website or call us directly. Currently, we are taking over 50 calls a day, so please keep calling if at first you don’t get through.

If you do find an animal in need of assistance, please remember that actions which might be comforting to us, such as holding or

petting, are terrifying to them. We often see animals as cute, cuddly, and amusing, but they see us as predators who will most likely eat them. It is essential to minimize the stress of an injured animal by keeping it dark, quiet, and hidden. Placing the animal in a cardboard box with a towel in the bottom, and keeping the box closed, is the best course of action. Do not offer food or water unless directly instructed by a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Good intentions performed without the proper knowledge or skills, often lead to further injury for the animal. The sooner the animal is brought to WRCNU to get professional treatment, the better. With the proper care and time to heal, we are able to release the majority of our patients back into the wild to regain their freedom and their natural lives.

With the steady increase in patients, comes an increase in hours for the staff at WRCNU. For many families, summer is time to take a well-deserved break and maybe go on vacation, but WRCNU is open 365 days a year, and the full time staff is working as many as 14 hours a day. WRCNU receives no state or federal funding, but relies on the support of our community and individuals like you. It is only through team effort that we can effectively educate the public, positively impact the lives of individual animals, and help ensure a better future for our own children.

While we cannot physically display patients, we do post photos of some of the animals we have rehabilitated and released on Facebook, where you can Like our page. Thank you for your continued interest and support in wildlife conservation and education!



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June 2019: Largest Patient Numbers EVER!

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

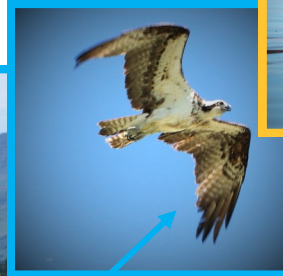
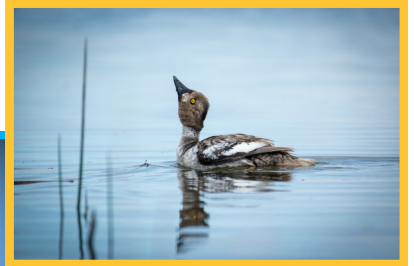
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Help us, Help Them to Soar again, Give Our Patients the Second Chance They Deserve!



American Robin
by L'aura Lee Bradford

Goldeneye taking its 1st
drink of "freedom"
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Left: Osprey
WRCNU Photo

Northern Saw-whet Owl (below)
WRCNU Photo



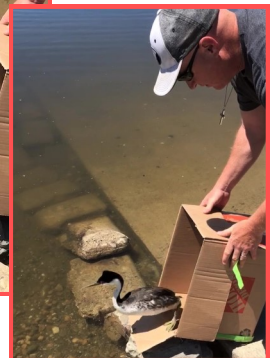
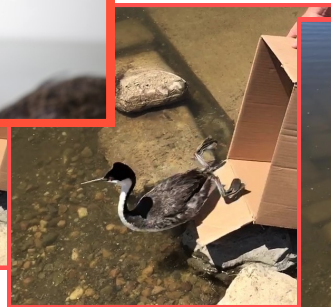
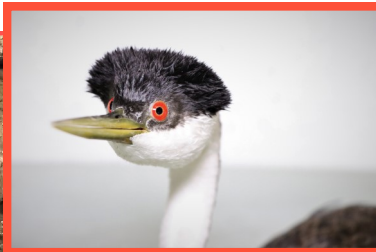
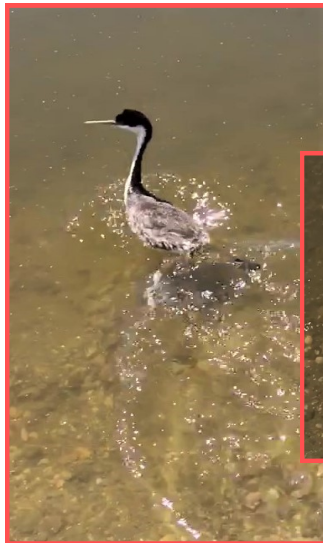
Osprey
WRCNU Photo



Above: Osprey
by Scott Roberts



Above: House Finch
By L'aura Lee Bradford



Western Grebe Release: All video photos by Jami Bollschweiler; top center by WRCNU

Ways To Support Your Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

Donate On-line: support WRCNU through on-line donations at www.wrcnu.org. Use your credit or debit card on our secure credit page run by Zions Bank; or use your PayPal account by clicking on our link to your secure login.

Donate By Mail: send WRCNU a check/money order to our mailing address at 3127 N Pelican Drive, Farr West, UT 84404

In Person: swing by the Center and donate by cash, check, credit or debit at 1490 Park Blvd, Ogden, UT 84401; while you are there ask about becoming a "WRCNU Sustainer".

Go to our website for more ideas: www.WRCNU.org

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WRCNU Presents Our
**2nd Annual Fall
Speaker Education Dinner**

Saturday, November 2nd, 2019

at

The Timbermine

1701 Park Boulevard

Ogden, UT 84401

Sign up on our Events Page at
WWW.WRCNU.ORG

Social Hour 5:30pm

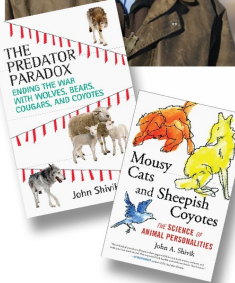
Dinner 6:30pm

Speaker 7:30 pm

\$60 per person

\$650 Table Sponsorship

Tickets must be purchased by October 28, 2019
- no tickets available at the door



Our speaker this year is John Shivik who has served as a federal manager and researcher, state predator biologist, search and rescue dog handler and devoted observer of animals. He has worked with wild and captive wolves, bears, and coyotes across North America, studied the sensory biology of brown treesnakes on Guam, and assisted with carnivore management in Europe. Throughout his career, Dr. Shivik has studied, applied, and written extensively on the discipline of animal behavior. He has published widely in numerous scientific journals and the popular press including the books, *The Predator Paradox: Ending the War with Wolves, Bears, Cougars and Coyotes*, and *Mousy Cats and Sheepish Coyotes: The Science of Animal Personality*.

For questions regarding this event
please email Alison@wrcnu.org

Thank you to our sponsors:



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Thank you Amber!



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