

# Fall/Winter 2019-2020




**Number of Wildlife Patients  
Treated since 2009: > 23,880**

**Thank you to ALL of our 2019 Supporters!**

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

**We are here BECAUSE of YOU!** As we come to the end of our eleventh year, we find ourselves in the warm embrace of so many great wildlife devotees, all of whom are the only reason we are still here today. Thanks to you, we have been able to take in and give a second chance at life in the wild to almost 24,000 human impacted animals.

Thanks to our very first monthly sustainers, like Betty & Gordon M., Audrey & David P., Lisa & David E., Annalu & Stu F., Margo & Quentin S.—WRCNU Pioneers who helped grease the wheels on this vehicle that took us down a very scary path ... but look at us now! 

When we needed your help more than ever (2009-2011), as things got rolling down an extremely bumpy road, many of you jumped on board as annual sustainers and others became new monthly donors. By 2012, we realized we had less to fear, we had grown stronger and stronger with a nurturing army of supporters who all believed in our mission of *"Rehabilitation, Education, and Release!"*


**We began with little more than a proud mission statement and sheer "WILL":**

*Through wildlife rehabilitation and education, we will empower the community to engage  
in conservation and responsible stewardship of wildlife and habitat.*

**And YOU made it REALITY!**

Today, we are proud and encouraged to crow about a group of WRCNU Sustainers (Monthly & Annual) that is more than 250 members strong and still growing, as well as literally thousands of supporters who give what they can, when they can. Our support grew from less than 400 donors in 2009 to over 2,250 by 2018.

We thank each and every one of you who have provided your support to our nearly 24,000 wildlife patients over the years and we know we can continue to count on you in the years to come.

We have some dreams for the future, but with this army of Wildlife Warriors, we can dream BIG and one day those dreams too, will become reality—**THANK YOU and Happy Holidays to each of you!** 


## Volunteer Recognition

We spotlight two more of the Volunteers who give selflessly to help us treat, feed, clean, and care for thousands of injured wildlife patients. This was our most extreme summer yet. Thankfully we have people who are not afraid of rolling up their sleeves and getting dirty. As the patient numbers and workload grew it was very hard to find volunteers available to take on the heavy evening tasks, but thankfully, among those who answered the call were these two—things would have been so much worse if not for Shelby and Larissa's help on so many of those late evenings.



**Shelby** has been with us since October 2018 and has since helped us with over 232 hours of Service. As part of our annual fundraising Committee this spring, Shelby was instrumental in preparations, decorations, and working with the children at our craft tables. Thank you Shelby! 



**Larissa** has been with us since April 2018 and has given WRCNU over 210 hours of her time dedicated to helping the patients in our care. Larissa too was a member of our 10th Anniversary fundraiser, helping to make it the best one yet. Thank you Larissa! 

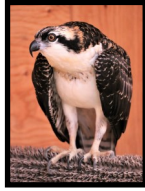
## Awaiting Approval for New Education Homes

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 new education ambassadors.

**The Paperwork Is IN!** Now we wait, with fingers crossed, for the federal approval. Four patients are headed to New York’s Bronx Zoo: one Common Raven, two Osprey, and a Golden Eagle; an American Crow (not pictured) to E.O.Wilson Biophilia Center, FL; a Golden Eagle to Tackapausha Nature Preserve, NY; two American Kestrels, one to Massachusetts Audubon and the other to Horizon Wings, CT.



(a wet) Common Raven



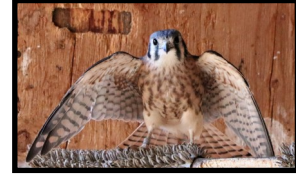
Osprey x2



Golden Eagle



Golden Eagle



Amer. Kestrel



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**New “Ambassador In Training” for WRCNU!** We recently received approval to keep the juvenile Bald Eagle fledgling who came in last year suffering from a wing injury and the West Nile Virus (WNV). He was completely blind at one point due to neurological complications from the WNV infection and after 6 months of treatment was literally days from having to be euthanized (*federal law will not allow a completely blind native bird to be kept—they must be able to feed on their own and move safely from perch to perch, etc.*). Just 3 days after we had made the determination to euthanize we suddenly realized he was regaining some sight and within the month was once again fully sighted! His wing injury was severe enough to prevent release and we decided to ask for approval to retain him for our Program. Now, we begin the long slow process to train him for WRCNU programs in the future.



### Fall is here and Winter ... on its way!

As the days shorten and temperatures drop, the patient intakes begin to decrease at WRCNU. However, the staff remains busy with a long list of “to dos,” put on hold during the busiest Baby Season we have seen yet!

By the time you see this, our Annual Fall Speaker event, featuring John Shivik as our guest speaker, will be behind us and we anticipate another amazing event in the fall of 2020—keep your eyes open for details coming next summer.

**Our Annual Christmas for Critters event on December 7<sup>th</sup>** is a cozy, informal occasion, including a kids’ craft, hot drinks, gift baskets and handmade ornaments for sale, and education birds on display. Visit [www.wrcnu.org](http://www.wrcnu.org) for more information.

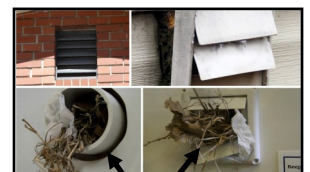
As an organization almost entirely run by volunteers, we strive to attract committed individuals and to provide in-depth training in a team atmosphere. We paused taking new volunteers through baby season when we are swamped, but will soon be reopening our volunteer opportunities and begin orientation classes. Please see our website for more information.

You may have noticed flocks of migratory birds congregating (Sep-Oct), beginning the many arduous miles to their wintering grounds. As babies have grown and nests are vacated, now is the perfect time to inspect your home for any hidey holes, open vents, or other “welcome signs” that may have attracted unwanted visitors BEFORE Spring arrives and it’s TOO late. Inexpensive caps and covers can be purchased at your local hardware store to prevent animal families taking up residence in your home next year. Now is also an excellent time to trim trees and bushes, both for the sake of wildlife living there and the dormant plants themselves.

In a world, where human and animal territories are increasingly overlapping, it is important that we remember to respect their livelihoods, even as we protect our own, because we are all intertwined.



THIS!



NOT this!



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# What's happened on the Educational Scene?

## WRCNU's 10th Anniversary Wildlife Baby Shower Fundraiser



Young "Birder" searching for new discoveries to add to his Birding "Life List".



Volunteer Steven helps guests at the Wildlife ID Station



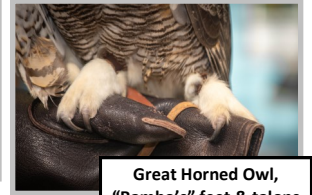
Lisa & Pete



HOO is stronger, Darth or Rambo? A young guest searches for the answer!



Swainson's Hawk, "Darth's" feet & talons



Great Horned Owl, "Rambo's" feet & talons



WRCNU's Raptor Ambassadors are always a BIG HIT!

## Urban Flea Market Salt Lake City



## Harvest Moon Festival On Historic 25th St, Ogden



Rachel & Darth

## Outdoor Youth Fair at Ft. Buena Ventura Hosted by the Wasatch Wigeons Assoc.



Haley & Pete



Raffle WINNER!

"Standing room only" at the WRCNU Craft table



Rambo

## Dinosaur Park's Halloween Carnivore Carnival



(left) Raptor Ambassador "Darth" teaches Appreciation and Respect for our Wildlife.



WRCNU's three Owl Ambassadors: Clockwise with Alison & "Pete" (bottom), "Rambo" (left), Buz & Rambo (top) and Elizabeth & "Arya" (right).

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Juvenile Osprey at WRCNU



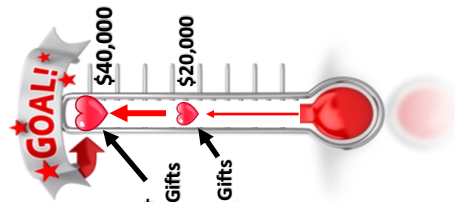
## 2019 End of Year Matching Gift Campaign

# \$20,000 doubled to \$40,000

Some special friends with huge hearts for wildlife have agreed to match every dollar you give to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah during the month of December. To partner with this campaign, all you have to do is make your donation by December 31<sup>st</sup> and it will be matched up to \*\$20,000!

**This means your gift will be doubled to help rehabilitate and release injured and orphaned wildlife!**

- **Your gift of \$15 DOUBLES to \$30** to help purchase needed supplies like bleach and paper towels
- **Your gift of \$100 DOUBLES to \$200** to provide food and shelter for injured and orphaned wildlife
- **Your gift of \$125 DOUBLES to \$250** to Matching + Your Matched Gifts provide critical medical care for Your Gifts animals in urgent need
- **Your gift of \$250 DOUBLES to \$500** to help purchase diagnostic testing supplies, such as *LeadCare II* for earlier detection and treatment of Lead Poisoning in Raptors OR to purchase the FINAL materials for our newest and almost-finished Eagle Flight enclosure.



*No Gift is too Small, every dollar will be doubled (\*)*  
**If, with your help, we receive \$20,000 for matching, we will reap the rewards of an E.O.Y. Donation totaling \$40,000!!!**