



Volunteer Opportunity: Seasonal Songbird Care Assistant

Shifts Available:

- Currently, all shifts are available, 7-days a week
- DAYS: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- EVENINGS: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- **Minimum commitment: 4 months (e.g., May–August)**

NOTE: *Keep in mind that weekend shifts fill up fast;* we NEED weekday coverage, so if you are able, you might consider applying for a shift on a weekday (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri)

Overview: The Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah (WRCNU) is the largest wildlife rehab center in the state, caring for over 3,600 native animals annually. Most patients arrive during “baby season,” April 1–August 31. Volunteers are essential to our life-saving work.

Position Summary: Seasonal Songbird Care Assistants help care for orphaned or injured songbirds by preparing diets (including insects), feeding, cleaning, and maintaining high standards of care and cleanliness in the facility.

Responsibilities Include:

- Preparing and delivering appropriate diets
- Cleaning enclosures and maintaining a safe, sanitary environment
- Observing birds and reporting health or behavior concerns
- Documenting feedings and changes in care charts
- General housekeeping: sweeping, mopping, laundry, dishes, etc.
- Participating in training and facility orientation
- Additional duties as assigned by staff

Requirements:

- Must be reliable, punctual, and committed for the full baby bird season
 - Able to stand for long periods, lift up to 20 lbs, and perform repetitive tasks
 - Comfortable working with live insects (e.g., Mealworms) and animal food (e.g., dead mice)
 - Willing to follow strict guidelines to protect the health of wildlife
 - Must respect the wild nature of our patients—no cuddling or petting
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A Serious Commitment

Volunteering at WRCNU is not a casual or short-term experience—it's a critical role that directly impacts the lives of wild animals in need. Every volunteer is essential. Missing a shift may mean a bird doesn't get fed on time or receive proper care. We ask that you honestly assess your availability and level of commitment before applying.

Please **do not apply** unless you are able to commit to your assigned shift each week for the duration of the baby season (minimum through the end of August). We understand that occasional absences happen, but notice must be given well in advance whenever possible.

Wildlife rehabilitation is not glamorous—it's often dirty, repetitive, and physically demanding. There is poop. There are live insects. There are dead mice. If you're squeamish or dislike cleaning, this may not be the best fit for you.

And please—**dismiss any images of Snow White or Animal Planet** from your imagination! Our work is guided by strict federal and state laws. We are here to help these animals—not to bond with them. That means no talking to them, no cuddling, and no treating them like pets. If you're looking to snuggle with animals, a domestic rescue might be more your style.

Training & Orientation: Your first 4-hour shift includes application review, a short presentation, and a facility tour. On-site training follows, starting with basic husbandry and diet prep, with potential for advanced roles after two months of consistent work.

How to Apply:

- Download the application at <https://wrcnu.org/>
- Email your completed form to: **volunteer@wrcnu.org**
- Or mail it to: **3127 N Pelican Dr, Farr West, UT 84404**

We look forward to working with you—thank you for being part of the solution for Utah's wildlife!