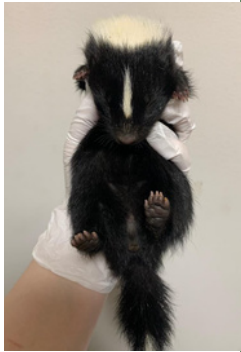
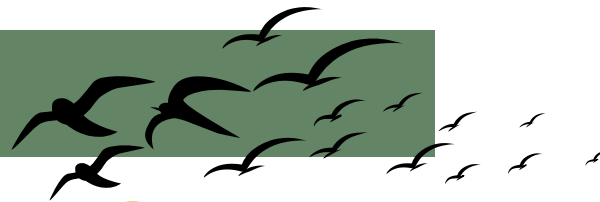


# HOOSIER WIDLIFE

## PRELIMINARY 2023 REPORT



By Rebecca Orr

Hoosier Wildlife had a phenomenal year in 2023. We did more animals, helped more people, and reunited more babies with their mothers than ever before. We also doubled our volunteer staff, the people who we make up our team!

Our preliminary report for 2023 shows we took over 854 animals from over 24 counties! In 2022 we took in 800 animals from about 15 counties. We almost doubled the counties that we could help, and we surpassed the number of animals helped. In 2023 we also focused on larger, more expensive animals, like raccoons, that other rehabilitators in the state could not take. We tripled the number of raccoons from 2022.



In addition to taking in more animals from more counties in Indiana, we were also able to take in species that we do not normally rehabilitate. Due to partnerships with other rehabbers in our area, we were able to help three fawns. The fawn pictured above was found trying to cross I69 in Fishers after he lost his mom. When he was found by a citizen, he was dehydrated and hungry. At the time he came in, he was only the size of a volunteer's forearm and could fit in a small crate!



We did amazing things in 2023 and hope to be able to share our full report by the end of January 2024. In 2024 we have even bigger hopes and dreams. Despite taking in more animals than ever, we also had to turn away many because we were just too full. Every cage was full by June. We hope to have a larger space in 2024 so that we don't have to turn away animals that are orphaned, sick, or injured. Being there for them is everything!

