

Winter 2019

ON THE WILD SIDE



2019
in a
Nutshell

WOW, YOU DO ALL THAT? YES, WE DO!

Welcome to On the Wild Side, your winter news review covering the exciting adventures of 2019 at Busch Wildlife Sanctuary. Every year we are pleased that visitors notice just how much the Sanctuary has to offer. Some visit frequently and see the changes and growth in process, and others are wowed by their first encounter with the real Florida and all the work that goes into protecting it. The Sanctuary board, staff and volunteers are proud to say Yes! We really do all that.



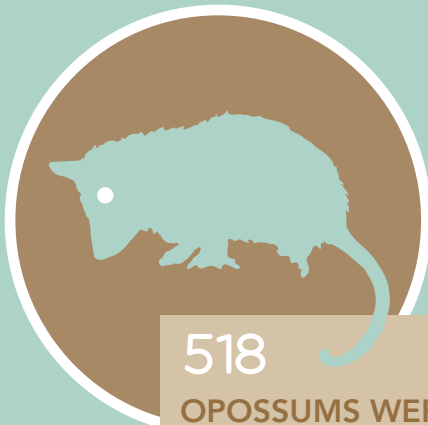
11,475
VOLUNTEER
HOURS LOGGED



4,900+
ANIMALS BROUGHT
IN THIS YEAR



130,000+
GUESTS LEARNED
ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION AT
THE SANCTUARY



518
OPOSSUMS WERE
THE MOST COMMON
WILDLIFE RECEIVED



570+
PUBLIC EDUCATION
PROGRAMS EACH YEAR

Thank you for making this possible,



Amy J. Kight, Executive Director

RESCUE

RESCUE, REHAB AND RELEASE: IT'S WHAT WE DO AND WHY WE EXIST

When people encounter a sick, injured or orphaned animal, they call Busch Wildlife Sanctuary. There is no government agency or public department that rescues local wildlife in distress. It falls to nonprofit organizations like us. Amazingly, Busch Wildlife Sanctuary can accept over 30 animals in need in just one day. Their treatment and recovery, however, rely on your generosity. You make it possible!

ON THE SCENE!

This year, with your help, we accomplished these incredible rescues (just to name a few!):

- A Pelican tangled in fishing line in the Atlantic Ocean
- A Squirrel dangling from a sports net at a community park
- A rattlesnake caught in a wildfire, suffering from severe burns
- A Whitetail Deer illegally kept as a pet in a concrete, urban neighborhood
- An infant Armadillo run over by a bicyclist and suffering spinal trauma



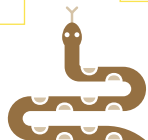
ANIMAL RESCUES



2,058
MAMMALS



5
AMPHIBIANS



216
REPTILES



2,643
BIRDS



REHAB

A NEW PATH: WALKWAY TO WELLNESS

A new boardwalk was installed that allows people to bring animals in distress directly to the Bernice Barbour Wildlife Hospital. This important addition will significantly expedite critical care for our patients in their time of need. There's a bonus: the boardwalk includes educational signage that depicts an animal's journey through Rescue, Rehabilitation, and ultimately, Release. Again, this much-needed improvement is your donor dollars at work!

The Sanctuary's wildlife hospital provides emergency and ongoing medical care to over 5,000 animals each year, including our sick, injured and orphaned patients, as well as resident educational ambassadors.

Our hospital staff and volunteers care for animals largely suffering from human-related injuries. Nearly 90% of the injuries treated at our wildlife hospital are directly related to man-made causes. The most common are collisions with automobiles, fishing line entanglement, illegal gun shots, electrocutions, poisonings, and attacks by dogs and cats.

To raise awareness about this critical issue, the new Discovery Center educational exhibits help teach the community what we can do to keep animals and people safer in the environment we all call home.



What can you do to help minimize animal injury where you live?

RELEASE



HOME AGAIN IN THE WILD

Our ultimate goal is to return recovered patients to their natural habitats. We celebrate the release of many rehabilitated animals back into natural areas across Palm Beach County. This year, the Sanctuary partnered with Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management and adopted four natural areas; Pine Glades, Cypress Creek, North Jupiter Flatwoods, and Lime Stone Creek. As part of this adoption program, the Sanctuary will hold release events and educational opportunities for the community at the natural areas throughout the year.

At the inaugural release at Cypress Creek natural area in August, three Grey Fox kits and a Great Blue Heron were the first to benefit from this exciting new partnership. The fox kits and great blue were orphaned at an age too early to survive on their own in the wild. Staff and volunteers at the Sanctuary rehabilitated these animals to be strong enough to thrive in the wild. The release was a huge success with over 75 people in attendance! Five sources from the news media came and covered the event, including the Palm Beach Post, where we earned a feature story.

EDUCATE



DISCOVERY AND ADVENTURE AWAIT

This year, we enhanced environmental programming and the guest learning experience by opening the Robert W. McCullough Discovery Center! This expertly-designed space features an interactive learning experience area for Sanctuary visitors and is utilized by our Junior Naturalist program alongside the Earl Abramson and Sheila Schlagger Environmental Education Center, offering a classroom and wet lab. We noticed a direct jump in the engagement of kids in our programs due to this fun and exciting learning environment. If you haven't visited the Center yet, we invite you to come and explore. There's always something new to learn and encounter!

Our goal is to raise an active community of people who cherish, enjoy, and protect the native wildlife and natural resources where they live. The animal ambassadors at the Sanctuary serve to educate and inspire people to engage in their local conservation and wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, and release efforts.

SUPPORT

YOUR SUPPORT IS WHY WE EXIST

The care of wildlife and injured animals comes at a price – much more than people realize. Just keeping animals clean and fed costs more than \$800,000 a year. Your dollars save wild lives by providing food, shelter, and medicine for the animals and upkeep of their environment. There are many ways to help:

Be an Active Donor: We are Entirely Funded by You!

Remember Busch Wildlife Sanctuary with a monthly or annual gift, sponsor an exhibit area featuring your name, give through a donor advised fund, donate supplies to our wish list (listed at buschwildlife.org), and support a fundraising event.

Leave a Lasting Legacy

A gift to the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary by bequest in your will, a charitable remainder trust, or a qualified charitable distribution ensures that the animals you love will always receive help in their time of need. Contact the director today to leave your forever impact on Florida's wildlife and natural resources.

Join our Volunteer Corp

The Volunteer Program offers an up-close variety of experiences, including animal rescue and care, public education, landscaping, and greeting guests. We can always use an extra pair of hands!

Make Your Event Memorable Among the Wonders of Wildlife

The Sanctuary and Cypress Amphitheater offer an exceptional experience for people of all ages. Educational exhibits, wildlife presentations, and guided tours are ideal for schools, scouts, community groups, clubs, birthday parties, corporate retreats, weddings, and camps.

THE ANIMALS CAN'T SAY THANKS, BUT WE CAN.

Thank you for preserving our cherished native wildlife.



Weekly Activities

Monday - Friday, 3:00 pm

Saturday, 11:00 am & 2:30 pm

Wildlife Encounters (Cypress Amphitheater)

Monday, 4:00 pm

Gator & Croc Feeding (Gator & Croc Exhibit)

Wednesday, 9:30 am

Storytime for Toddlers (Cypress Amphitheater)

Thursday, 12:30 pm

Hunters of the Sky (Owl Alcove)

Friday, 2:00 pm

Snakes Alive (Serpentarium)

ADMISSION IS BY DONATION

Your support is why we exist.



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Visitor Hours

Monday – Saturday from 10:00am to 4:30pm

Closed on Sundays, Thanksgiving, Christmas
and New Year's Day.



Where Native Is Nurtured.

