

Future Home of Liberty Wildlife on the Rio Salado



Yes, you won't have to look far to see The Times They Are A Changin' and all for the better. Plans are in warp speed to make our move to the new Liberty Wildlife Campus on the Rio Salado. If you have been following our progress you will see

This issue of WingBeats is concentrating on the "why" this is all so important. We know that to many of you the saving of a single life is all that matters. To others of you the importance of what we do hinges on the impact, short and long term, of our educational endeavors. And, there are those of you who only see the overarching conservation efforts leading to a sustainable future for our children and theirs for generations to come.

things" a changin" by the minute.

What does that mean? If you scratch the surface of all our programming you might discover some interesting things. We have helped close to 80 or 90 thousand animals over the 34 years of providing rehabilitation services for the community. That adds up to a lot of experience in dealing with over 140 different species. It is this kind of experience that generalizes to the best place in the state, maybe the southwest, maybe nationally to care for seriously endangered species like California Condors. What we have learned over the years...what works... what doesn't, allows us to provide the best care possible for our So, why do we do this? We want to ensure that our environnative wildlife.

Our educational endeavors have evolved from the early days of setting up in a shopping mall providing entertainment for shoppers while doing our best to educate anyone who would stop to hear our outstanding and diverse educational offerings. Read about our Intersession class provided this past year...our intriguing gateway to advanced scientific studies. Our education volunteers with their charismatic wildlife ambassadors light a fire in the eyes of every class and audience they engage. They have added a second set of learning "r's"...no longer are students just readin', (w)ritin and (a)rithmaticing, they are also reducing, reusing, and recycling. These are basic principles of sustainable living.

from the

Director's Chair

Our Research and Conservation program continues to mitigate for negative impact on wildlife. Nest moves, artificial burrowing systems for burrowing owls, and now movement of prairie dog communities in order to eliminate inviting prey items for golden eagles who find

themselves in too close contact with wind farms. Ultimately this contributes to the sustainability of valuable and beautiful raptors whose job is to help keep the environment in balance.

And, then there is our new home. Our campus on the Rio Salado is sustainability to the nth degree. The land is rehabbed....no pristine desert was bladed to house our mission. Our "green" building practices are explained in depth. Our center will teach sustainable practices at every level. Different biomes will educate about the Sonoran desert, riparian/bioswale areas, pollinator gardens, and wetlands. The care of animals will be spied on through windows into the hospital and triage areas. Our educational displays, some permanent, some that change with the seasons, will be engaging while educating on a number of pertinent and timely topics. Our programming will be interactive and cooperative and there will be a plethora of activity time out of doors!

The excitement is palpable. Years of experience will provide the community with a destination point, a place to engage in nature, an opportunity to see native wildlife up close, a place to gather with like-minded people. A continued service is to be provided to the entire community.

ment, our wildlife, our desert, our quality of life will be as glorious for our future generations as it is for us today. Every part of it is important. Every part leads to a sustainable future for you and your families. No matter what you separate out, it is all connected in the end.

John Muir said it best, "When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it all attached to the rest of the world."

> Megan Mosby Megan Mosby **Executive Director**

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Taking Care of Condor 455

by Alex Stofko

Condor 455 was my favorite, my girl. She should have

The day after my birthday I returned to work; I'm the Daily Care Coordinator at Liberty Wildlife. December 17, 2014; it was a chilly 65 degrees in Scottsdale, Arizona when we received the call. The first call of the season, California condor season that is. Condor 455, female, 8-years-old, and suffering from lead poisoning. She was brought into Liberty Wildlife weak, thin, and very sick.



Condor 455 arrives at Liberty Wildlife

Condor season means a few things: 1. You are at work from dawn till dusk; 2. You live, breathe, sweat, and bleed all things condor until they are released; 3. You will smell like condor all day and no amount of soap will wash the scent off. We are all told not to become attached to any of the wildlife that comes into our center, but it happens. I'm not sure if it was the fact that she was on death's door and miraculously made a full recovery or if it was the look in her eyes, the look that said, "Please don't let me die," but I became attached, invested. She wanted to fight this battle, but she needed our help to be able to win.

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The current trend in sustainable, or This "utopia" was the inspiration hard glass and steel structures. These buildings may operate more effian unlikely source: a flower.

The International Living Future Institute established the Living Building Challenge, not as a competition but as a philosophy that believes buildings are functionally embedded within ecosystems, not separate. A building—whether it is a home, school, or office—must operate like a flower, meaning it must produce its own energy, capture the water it needs the surrounding environment.

"We are going through environmental changes so rapidly that we need a radical solution," said Fernanda Cruz Rios, an Arizona State University construction engineering student from Brazil. "The philosophy behind Living Buildings sounds like utopia, but it's a feasible utopia with solid principles."

"green," construction usually follows behind a new course offered through the traditional route of gray concrete, ASU's School of Sustainability called Creating Living Buildings and taught by Mick Dalrymple, senior ciently, but not always truly effec- sustainability scientist in the Julie tively. Now, a new building practice Ann Wrigley Global Institute of is popping up taking inspiration from Sustainability, and Oswald Chong, associate professor in the Del E. Webb School of Construction.

"We want to inform the next generation of green building professionals on the Living Building Challenge and what Living Buildings are," said Dalrymple, also a practice lead for the Global Sustainability Solutions Services, a program of the Melani and Rob Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiatives. "Buildings consume natuand reuse its waste without depleting ral resources, contribute to climate change and impact human health and productivity. Instead of thinking of green buildings as being less bad, we should think about how buildings can do more good, and that's the philosophy behind the Living Building Challenge."

> For a class project, Cruz Rios and her classmates advised Liberty Wildlife, a local native wildlife rehabilita-

tion nonprofit, currently based in a Scottsdale residence.

"We are so limited by our location's size and we are taking in more animal rescues every day," said Megan Mosby, Executive Director of Liberty Wildlife. "Our new facility in Phoenix will be a wildlife hospital and education center. As an environmental organization, it would be fraudulent if this facility hurt the surrounding ecosystem. We want to minimize its impact as much as possible."

The students were asked to infuse the Living Building Challenge principles into their research for Liberty Wildlife's new facility. The challenge is based around seven performance categories called petals: place, water, energy, health and happiness, materials, equity, and beauty. Being in a desert, the water petal proved the most challenging for Liberty Wildlife.

The class, comprised of graduate and undergraduate students, researched average monthly rainfall, water use demand for the building and grounds, greywater produced by the building's users and other water use, like wash-



The amphitheater will provide an ideal educational setting

Wetlands - a biome educational opportunity

ing animal enclosures. By calculating the facility's total water consumption, the students were able to recommend building techniques that contribute toward the water petal.

Liberty Wildlife plans to implement the student's suggestions, which include rainwater catchments and storage, and greywater irrigation and years to come.

bioswales, in its new facility.

"The students provided a fresh outlook on our facility's design, and we learned so much from them," said Mosby. "With their expertise, our new facility will operate efficiently while also engaging the public on sustaining and enjoying our local wildlife for

While Liberty Wildlife gained new insights into sustainable construction, the students experienced what it's like working with a real-life client on reallife sustainability issues.

Liberty Wildlife 2015 Legacy Award

Every year Wishes for Wildlife is the venue for presenting the Liberty Wildlife Legacy Award. The award recognizes an individual, organization, corporation, or agency that has been shown to have had an extraordinary impact on our environment by providing energy, expertise or resources which support our mission to "nurture nature."

This year's honoree is no exception. Julie Ann Wrigley, since a young girl in California, began to see the effects of civilization on the wildlife around her. The seemingly sudden collapse of the abalone population started her thinking. Over the years she has supported wildlife organizations serving on boards, providing resources, and speaking out for those who aren't able to speak for themselves.

Recently she has embraced the field of sustainability by participating in a major way at the Julie Ann Wrigley Global School of Sustainability at ASU. This is a pure example of how a local awareness of a need can blossom into a global and meaningful contribution to the environment.

I was very proud and thrilled to be able to present her with her Legacy Award. If we had the ability to clone individuals like Julie Ann Wrigley, the world would be a far better place. Julie, thank you for all that you do.



Julie Ann Wrigley, Legacy Award Honoree

Megan Mosby, Executive Director

New Education **Ambassadors**

by Jan Miller

We've gathered Liberty Wildlife Medical Log information for three young eagles brought to us under very different circumstances. Each required intensive care over a period of time and in each case was deemed medically unable to survive in the wild. As permanent residents at Liberty Wildlife they will be trained as education ambassadors and while we do not name those who can be released, the animals that become part of the Liberty Wildlife Education team are named.

Medical Log **Species: Bald Eagle** Log Number: 13 - 0212

Laddie



Condition/Initial Treatment: Arrived 3/15/13 as a 5-week-old

female after a nest watcher biologist observed her being pulled out of the nest by a passing golden eagle.

Eagle presented with a compound fracture of the left humerus and fractures to the left radius and ulna. She also had internal bleeding and was in need of a transfusion. Surgery was performed immediately to repair the humerus. The radius and ulna were severely fragmented and not surgically repairable. The wing was splinted and wrapped.

Additional Notes:

She received a second transfusion after the surgery. The intermedullary pin was removed from the humerus in three weeks and the humerus healed. The radius and ulna also healed with a lot less damage than expected.

Comments:

The wing healed nicely, but she had some trouble with molting feathers on the left wing where the damage was done. It is suspected that this is the result of nerve damage and damage to the feather follicles. There is a little restriction in the range of motion which is why this bird is deemed as a non-releasable.

She has currently been added to our eagle permit and will begin her training to become an ambassador for her species.

Medical Log **Species: Golden Eagle Log Number: 13-0142** Orion



Condition/Initial Treatment:

of the left humerus. Radiographs showed a fracture of the distal

fracture in the elbow joint. He also was showing signs of neurological issues which could have been from the car collision.

Additional Notes:

Bloodwork was done immediately and the test results showed that he was positive for aspergillosis, a disease that affects the respiratory system and other organs. He also tested positive for West Nile virus and had begun having seizures after the surgery to repair the humerus was completed. He was treated with supportive care and medication for both of these diseases.

Comments:

After the pin was removed from the wing, it was time to try this bird in a flight cage. After time spent in the flight cage exercising, it was finally determined that the fracture to the elbow was not allowing the wing to extend fully so he was deemed non-releasable.

Current status: He is currently not on any medication.

He has been added to our eagle permit and is going to start training to become an educational ambassador.

Medical Log **Species: Bald Eagle Log Number: 14 - 1138** Paco

Condition/Initial Treatment:

Arrived as an approximately 5-week- old male on 4/27/14 after being blown out of the nest during severe high winds.

Eagle presented with a compound right humerus fracture and labored breathing. The mucous membranes were very pale, indicating possible internal bleeding. He was too unstable to go into immediate surgery. After extensive supportive care, the radiographs were taken and surgery was performed. He had an external fixator applied and pins placed in the wing to allow the best possible healing on such a young bird. This bird did recover from the internal injuries and the wing did heal, but it has a droop which comprises flight.

Additional Notes: The fracture was closer to the elbow which in young birds can be difficult to repair due to the rapid growth of young raptors. It can affect the growth plates and in this case it appears to have done that.

Comments:

His wing healed but the elbow joint is fused due to the proximity of the injury to the elbow joint. He is unable to fly and is currently going to begin training as an educational ambassador for Liberty Wildlife where he will help to educate thousands of people in his lifetime.

Liberty Wildlife has released 125 bald and golden eagles back into the wild.



A male adult, age unknown, arrived 2/23/13 after being hit by a car and found on the side of the road. Eagle presented with compound fracture humerus and a small hairline

River of the Past

Experiences Renewal

by Gail Cochrane

cant help from the federal govern- downtown Phoenix. Since then tion project is Rio Salado Oeste. ment, is in the process of righting 76,000 trees and shrubs have been Approximately 1,500 acres of ripara wrong that progress exacted from planted in the formerly barren river ian habitat, encompassing eight our metropolitan area over a centu- corridor. The water feeding this miles of the Salt River from 19th to ry ago. At one time, Phoenix was verdant gem is pumped from an

graced with a treelined river, a shady haven where residents enjoyed swimming, boating and fishing. After the river was dammed in 1911 to control flooding and to provide irrigation for a fruitful agricultural economy, the downstream riverbed became dominated by large scale sand and gravel mines.

Today the broad river channel is being remade. From wide-

projects to handfuls of hard workshoulder to shoulder to make the Rio Salado a mecca for wildlife, migrate through this demonstraconservation groups and progres- tion wetland. sive economic development.

doors of an innovative new wildlife rehabilitation and education facility, a prominent face will be put City of Phoenix. A sister project at on a significant renovation that is happening beyond the awareness makes use of city waste water and of most Valley residents.

In 1999 the Water Resources Development Act was signed, providing funding to restore five birding area.

The City of Phoenix, with signifi- miles of the Salt River south of The last part of the restora-



22 city storm drains. More than 200 ing volunteers, people are standing species of birds, mammals, reptiles Plant and by harvesting of storm and amphibians now live near or

The Rio Salado Restoration Area When Liberty Wildlife opens the is just one component of a larger collaboration between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Tres Rios Wetlands at 91st Avenue storm runoff to mitigate flooding and create critical natural habitat for Arizona wildlife. Tres Rios is already established as a premier

83rd Avenues will be returned to

a more natural state. Grading, terracing and improved storm water retention will allow cottonwood/ willow, mesquite, and typical wetland plants to flourish.

Lakes will be made from two existing gravel pits as part of the complex. Planned recreation features include 16 miles of multipurpose trails. Water supply is to be provided by 8 million gallons per day of

ranging environmental restoration aquifer under the river and from reclaimed effluent from the 23rd Avenue Waste Water Treatment

> More good news is in store. City of Phoenix Ranger Brian Miller points east from the new Liberty Wildlife site and explains that the Peace Trail edging the front of Liberty Wildlife's Nature Center property extends all the way to Tempe Town Lake. To the west, the Peace Trail offers walkers, joggers and cyclists a paved path extending to 19th Avenue.

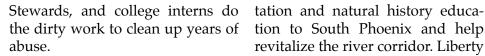
> In the heart of the Rio Salado Restoration Area, tall cottonwood

trees shade peaceful waterways that support a rich biodiversity of life. Ranger Miller reports sightings of coyotes, foxes, raccoons, turtles, frogs and a wide range of birds along the river channel. Eventually, following the path the wild Salt River once carved, the Peace Trail will run from Mesa's Riverview Park all the way to Tres Rios.

New trails and reaches of restored riparian areas will not change the fact that the river corridor became the place we chose to stash the uglier effects of urban life. To address this, the City of Phoenix Planning Department formed the Rio Salado Beyond the Banks Area Plan in

revitalized district surrounding the Rio Salado project that once again offers the attractions of a riverside recreational environment and a desirable place to live and work. Long term planning is underway to implement zoning changes and property sales that will beautify the area. Instead of gravel pits and cement plants, new properties will house progressive companies that see the river corridor as a shining example of civic pride and potential natural splendor.

As civic planners prepare for change, a number of organizations are already working tirelessly to remove invasive species and clean up the river channel. Weed Whackers, Eagle Scouts, City Park



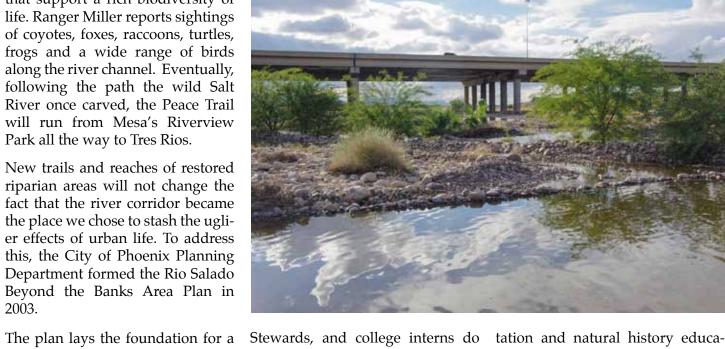
Two ecological groups, Project WET and Southwest Monarch Study are also active in the Rio Salado Restoration Area. Project WET brings school children on field trips to learn about water quality and the importance of protecting watersheds.

The Southwest Monarch Study has established a Monarch Way Station at Rio Salado. This stopover provides shelter and habitat for the imperiled migratory butterflies as well as a recently discovered overwintering population.

Liberty Wildlife's new Nature Center will bring wildlife rehabili-

revitalize the river corridor. Liberty Wildlife will join the Rio Salado Audubon Center at Central Avenue in offering interpretive nature programming for families and school children.

One of the thrills of learning about nature is that you soon begin to see signs of the wild all around you. In the same way, the progress of our river back to a haven for wildlife and humanity becomes more apparent with each new project.





--Chinese Proverb



deliberations left the 48th state with a

Arizona were given the They ascended to the pantheon of several of our state's natural the saguaro blossom, which was symbols. While the factors selected as Arizona's insignia when that so often play a part in children's we were first designated a territory choices (color, cuteness, coolness, in 1901. Our State Bird is the cactus etc.) can be hard to predict, their wren, chosen by the legislature in 1931, and in 1954 the palo verde number of new living embodiments: became our State Tree. The people of the Arizona tree frog became our Arizona and their legislature jointly State Amphibian; the Apache trout, chose the two-tailed swallowtail

n 1985, schoolchildren around nosed rattlesnake, our State Reptile. all in all, we are well-represented by a diverse and lovely lot. There is one, momentous task of choosing prior symbols like our State Flower, however, not yet mentioned, that may best represent the driving forces behind our state's creation, one that, purposeful or not, represents nothing less than an unintended stroke of genius on the parts of those thenschool-aged children. In 1985, along with the others, a State Mammal was chosen: the elusive, and underknown, ringtail.

> What would make this mammal so supremely worthy of defining an entire state? At about two pounds, two feet long, and consisting of roughly 50% body and 50% bushy, striped tail, this gray relative of the raccoon would easily appeal to kids based solely on its physical attributes. But the ringtail, a prominent native not just of this state but much of the western United States, has a proud and special connection with the very people who defined our pre-state development. After all, Arizona's past has been so heavily shaped by its abundance in precious metals, and its landscape is even now so dotted with mining towns both past and present, that even the copper centerpiece on our state flag is a direct allusion to its once-dominant asset. Mining defined Arizona. Why is that at all relevant

to an almost cartoonish-looking animal that can turn its back legs a full 180 degrees, allowing it to scale and descend sheer vertical faces? Because this is no mere little mammal. This is the Miner's Cat.

"The Miner's Cat" and "the ring-tailed cat" are both colloquialisms, famous-yet-informal names for what is officially designated the ringtail. Ring-tailed cat is an obvious moniker, because of the black-and-gray striping on its tail, but they have no relation whatsoever to cats. "Miner's Cat," on the other hand, came about because ringtails were to miners and prospectors what cats have historically been to farmers throughout history: companions and mousers.² Mining is dirty, dangerous, dreary work, even today: a century or more ago the conditions were exponentially worse, and prospecting in unsettled territories added a great deal of isolation and loneliness to that pile of negativity. The ringtail, cute, intelligent, and fearless, saw an opportunity and took advantage of it: where men go, and especially where their provisions go, rodents follow. Ringtails homed in on the pest populations that mining camps and prospecting operations inevitably attracted, and the miners in turn encouraged the little hunters by allowing them to stay. They became the mascots of the mining world, not to mention contributors in their own right: the fact that ringtails, with their excellent climbing abilities, are very fond of rocky terrain and eagerly took to the mining tunnels themselves for shelter and for hunting grounds, gave them an even closer bond with their human compatriots. If you are trying to keep a distant mine afloat, and dependent upon keeping your hungry laborers well-fed enough to work, mice and rats become not just the bane of your food stores but a threat to your entire operation. Any animal that aids you in that struggle is a welcome friend, if not an outright savior. And if you are a lonely prospector, or the man deep in the mines, you take whatever camaraderie you can get.

All of our state's animals represent Arizona. All of the world's animals represent the wonders of our planet. And for that reason alone, along with truly countless others, they need to be protected. But we should remember that we're not just playing the part of the benign enlightened species; in many cases, and in many mineshafts, the animals of the world have been there to help us too.

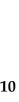
¹ http://www.azgfd.gov/h_f/game_ringtail.shtml

² http://www.oregonzoo.org/discover/animals/ringtail

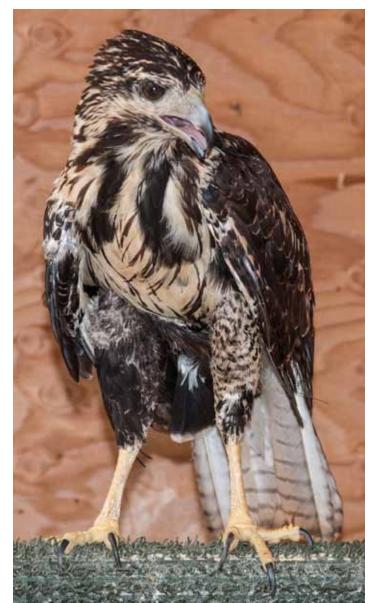
This ringtail came to Liberty Wildlife dehydrated and hungry. He was hydrated, fed, observed, and released when healthy enough to go back to his natural habitat











Black Hawk Rehabilitation

by Terry Stevens

In September of 2014, a common black hawk was rescued and transported to Liberty Wildlife for treatment. This is not a bird that we often see at Liberty Wildlife. The bird presented with fractures to both wings and the left leg, all serious injuries. X-rays determined that there were lead fragments present from a gunshot. This amount of damage is not unusual when firearms are involved, but our Medical Services team, headed by Jan Miller, CVT, was undaunted by the extent of the injuries. We were going to save this bird! The breaks appeared recent and were aligned well, so we had hopes that they would be repairable if the bones could be pinned as soon as possible. Dr. Todd Driggers volunteered to perform the pinning surgery and a plan was developed.

Medical Services

The operation took place at Dr. Driggers' facility in Gilbert (Avian and Exotic Animal Clinic of Arizona). He was able to place an external fixator to the leg fracture, and the surgery was a success. When the procedure was over, the bird was returned to Liberty Wildlife for proper follow-up care and any supportive treatment.

Then, another complication arose: after the surgery, it was noticed that this bird had a slight head tilt. Within a day, the head became inverted. At that time it was determined to test for West Nile virus, and the blood test returned a positive result.

Many times animals arrive to us in very poor condition, and considering the extent of the injuries, sometimes it is best to make the most humane decision. This bird, however, had such a zest for life; he was not going to give up, so neither were we. The hawk's recovery was going to take longer due to the complexity of his condition. Now, instead of being near release when the surgery healed, he was again in grave danger. West Nile virus has no real treatment other than supportive care. Close monitoring was initiated to make sure he was maintaining weight and not damaging himself further. This is a long, laborintensive process, but the Medical Services team never wavered in their commitment to save the bird.



Examining fractured left leg

Between the neurological effects of the West Nile virus and the external splint on his leg, the bird was having a difficult time maintaining good feather condition.

As the virus subsided, there appeared to be no lingering effects from the West Nile virus, and the bones in his leg and wings healed well. He was able to go outdoors into a smaller enclosure. It was determined that he would have to remain at our facility until he molted and grew in some new feathers that would actually support flight. Then he would have to wait for the migration of these beautiful birds to begin. By now it was summer 2015, and we were getting close to starting flight rehabilitation as the migration approached. We are again looking forward to freeing this beautiful, healthy bird. It was a continuous struggle against seemingly insurmountable odds, but through patience, skill and the bird's desire to survive, the Liberty Medical Services team prevailed and this not-so-common black hawk should be released by the time this issue goes to press!



Adult common black hawk



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Traps are baited and set at sunrise each day



A prairie dog is trapped



Stevie releases a prairie dog into its new home



Research and Conservation:

Relocating a Prairie Dog Colony

by Nina Grimaldi

This year the Research and Conservation
Department took on a very large and very new project. We do not often get to work with mammals, but always welcome the opportunity to do so.

A small colony of Gunnison's Prairie Dogs recently set up camp at the Dry Lake wind farm, owned by Iberdrola Renewables, located outside of

Holbrook. Gunnison's are a higher elevation species that hibernates during the winter. We had a small window of time to trap the prairie dogs so that we caught the pups after weening and before the colony went back underground. Obviously a ground dwelling animal causes little issue with large wind turbines up in the air, but the birds that prey on them may find themselves in danger. There has been a pair of Golden Eagles using the nearby buttes for nesting in the past, and the fear of these eagles finding the colony and the turbines drove the decision to move the colony. This colony, about 30 acres, was right between 2 turbines. It was estimated that there were between 50 and 100 prairie dogs in the colony.

We obtained a permit and followed the relocation protocol and guidelines set up by Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD). We also had the guidance and expertise of Holly Hicks, the Small Mammals

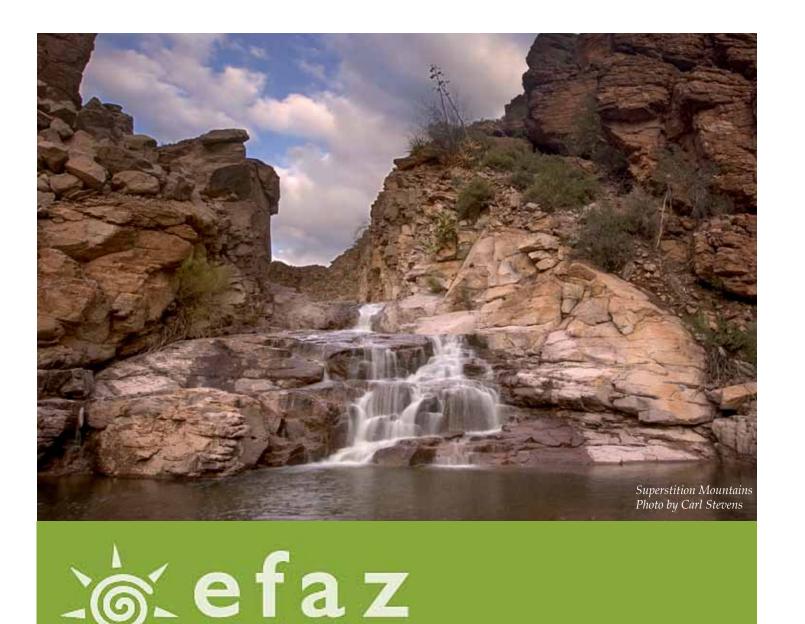


One of the prairie dogs we needed to relocate

Biologist at AZGFD, every step of the way.

We spent 7 days trapping and managed to trap and remove 52 prairie dogs from the site. We relocated them to a grasslands site just outside of Eagar where we placed all captured dogs in catch cages we had set up earlier. These catch cages were placed over artificial burrows that would keep the dogs safe until they began to dig out and create a new colony on their own. For a week post capture the prairie dogs were provided food and water while they remained in the catch cages.

The whole project was a large undertaking. Relocation of the dogs hopefully ensures the safety of Golden Eagles and other birds of prey in the vicinity of the wind farm. The most exciting part of this project, and what I am most proud of, is that Liberty Wildlife can now be added to the very, very short list of organizations that can relocate prairie dogs in Arizona.



Workplace Giving for Liberty Wildlife through Environmental Fund for Arizona

environmental fund for arizona

There is a viable way to give green in Arizona. The Environmental Fund for Arizona (EFAZ) is an alliance of 28 conservation organizations representing initiatives like wildlife rehabilitation, habitat preservation, land management, river restoration, renewable energy, native plants, recycling, sustainability, and others.

Twenty-five workplace giving campaigns occur mostly in the fall enabling employees an easy opportunity to donate to causes that they are passionate about. EFAZ is the only environmental and conservation federation in the state to offer the ability to give beyond health and human services organizations.

If your place of work is interested in offering a variety of giving choices, contact Kim Parrott, EFAZ Executive

Director (602-541-3781), to start the process. EFAZ will assist you in adding a green gift to your already existing list of payroll deductions. If you choose to have a giving campaign, EFAZ can make it both fun and interesting by providing opportunities to speak to representatives of member organizations, setting up on-site tours, or in-house programs.

Check out the web site for the many opportunities to help conservation in the state of Arizona. If you don't care, who will? Be green at work...and if your passion points you to Liberty Wildlife, well, that is all the better.

Valuable

Uutstanding

Learner

Unique

Necessary

Talented

Eager

Energetic

Resourceful

Liberty Pride

At Liberty Wildlife we are proud of the number of education programs we conduct, the successful rescues we perform, the hundreds of animals we release back to the wild and the thousands of callers we help. None of these accomplishments would be possible without our single most important source of pride - our volunteers.

Each December, Liberty Wildlife volunteers gather at the annual Volunteer Picnic to celebrate another successful year. Everyone's culinary expertise is on display and no one leaves hungry. Games and songs enliven the event and Santa makes an appearance accompanied by a bald eagle educational ambassador. Volunteers receive a small token of appreciation along with a large heartfelt thank you! We are fortunate to have an outstanding, talented group of dedicated people at Liberty Wildlife.







Orphan Care

Gila Woodpecker

by Susie Vaught

The saguaro had stood for 15 decades, slowly growing to over 30 feet tall, with many arms reaching to the sky. It was the home to several varieties of birds, including a pair of Gila woodpeckers. During a summer monsoon storm, with winds over 50 mph and pounding rain, the saguaro lost its grip on the ground, slowly toppling over. The two baby woodpeckers spilled out onto the cold wet ground. Luckily the people in the house saw the babies, scooped them up and brought them to Liberty Wildlife!

We had never received newly hatched Gila woodpeckers! They still had their 'egg-tooth', which is used to crack open their egg in order to hatch. They were so tiny, so cute and so fragile; we could see the muscles on the top of their heads that controlled their exceptionally long tongues! They were good eaters, eagerly swallowing moistened cat food, crickets, wax worms, and small pieces of fruit. With a balanced diet they grew quickly, their eyes opened and small quills began forming on their wings and head, while fuzz appeared on their bodies. They were moved from the neonate brooder to a regular brooder, going from a small cherry basket to an upright tissue box- each to their 'nest hole' and then into their own bin.

It was interesting to watch them as they learned to eat- controlling their large bills to pick up food on their own, using that exceptionally long tongue to taste everything in their bin. The end of their tongue is like a barb, allowing them to spear bugs







Gila woodpecker nesting in Saguaro. Photo by Barb Del'Ve Left: Newly hatched Gila woodpecker in a small cherry basket. Righ: Small quills beginning to form on wings and head Photos by Terry Stevens

from under tree bark or at the end released. Watching them fly and then outside flight to develop their flying muscles and their landing skills. After another couple weeks, they were boxed up and taken to a nearby riparian area, where they were

of the holes they drill in the trees. land in the trees, making that distinc-Our babies soon were moved to the tive Gila woodpecker call, I wished them a long and happy life!





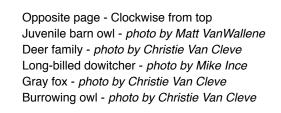












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Yellow warbler- photo by Allen Spencer
Zone-tailed hawk - photo by Matt VanWallene
Spiny lizard - photo by Allen Spencer
Cooper's hawk - photo by Terry Stevens
Hummingbird - photo by Allen Spencer



SIMPLE SOLUTIONS by Terry Stevens



Glue trap victim - a beautiful cactus wren

One mistake that people (including are lots of commercially availmost politicians) frequently make is to assume that a complex problem will have a simple solution. Many problems seem too large and complicated to be solved at all. This might lead the average person to become fatalistic and say, "Why bother trying to help? It won't matter anyway." Well, let me offer two very simple things that can help alleviate specific, continuing problems faced by wildlife even in your own back yard.

As people come in contact with the natural world (i.e., wildlife) there is often the urge to eliminate some of the less desirable life forms we find in and around our homes. Despite our best efforts, rodents find their way into our dwellings causing us to seek out ways of dealing with these uninvited visitors. There

able products, some of which are effective, while some of which are downright cruel and inhumane. One such device is the "Glue trap" which is a modern version of fly paper which has been around for years. It consists of a tray or card the bottom of which is covered with a sticky adhesive coating that ensnares whatever happens to step on it. Designed for inside use, it is sold without restriction and is often used where fauna other than the target species can happen upon it and become hopelessly stuck. We have seen time and time again instances where an entire section of the food chain is displayed after being caught in this manufactured smorgasbord of death. An insect walks on it and is stuck. A lizard then sees the immobilized bug

and when it attempts to make a quick meal of the 1st victim, it too becomes trapped. Seeing the lizard struggling, a bird flies down for an easy kill and joins his prey in the man made tar pit from which there is no return. All too often, there are no mice to be found, just the unlucky "by-catch" which die from exhaustion, dehydration, stress or starvation.

The simple answer? **DON'T USE GLUE TRAPS!** Make the area unattractive or inaccessible to rodents by eliminating their food sources. Store dry food and pet food in sealed chew-proof containers. There are lots of alternative mouse traps available, many of which work well and exclude most other species. Snap traps are quick and relatively humane, but if you don't want to kill anything, there are also a number of live traps available. Keep in mind, however, that a live trap must be checked hourly as long as it is set. Glue traps have even been banned in some areas due to the suffering they cause both the target and collateral victims.

Another wildlife problem that isn't quite so obvious is the effect caused by lead poisoning. Now we have spoken to this issue before, but it bears repeating. We have no problem with hunting that is done humanely and by the rules. Where this 'simple problem' occurs is when lead bullets are used. Lead is a heavy metal which is not used by any organism in any amount to



Three veterinarians heroically try to save a California condor

maintain life. It's a soft metal that when used as a projectile, fragments in hundreds of small shards as it hits an animal. If the carcass is removed from the environment, nothing bad happens, except to the target. But if any part of the animal is left in the field, scavengers will ingest what is left including the lead fragments. A piece of lead no larger than the head of a pencil can cause sickness and death in a hawk, owl, falcon, condor or eagle. Currently, the single largest cause of deaths in the California condor population is lead poisoning and the cause of this is almost exclusively from ingesting lead bullet fragments from eating carcasses and gut piles left by hunters using lead ammunition. Since eagles are notorious scavengers, nearly every eagle that comes to Liberty Wildlife shows higher than normal lead levels in their blood.

In this case, the simple solution is to use another type of bullet. Every manufacturer of ammunition now offers alternatives to lead that do not cause this cascading problem.

In Arizona, cost cannot be used as an argument as AZGFD will trade a box of non-lead bullets for one with lead ammunition at no cost. If all hunters would use alternative ammunition, the California condor population would be flourishing and the recovery program would be a great success. As it is, the number of birds is barely holding its own.

It's not often you have the opportunity to solve a fairly complex problem with a reasonably simple solution, but in these cases, two recurring types of injury to wildlife can be eliminated by a simple choice: Avoid glue traps and lead ammunition. If I never see another stressed bird painfully stuck on a plastic tray, or another California condor struggling near death from the ravages of lead poisoning, I'd be a very happy Liberty Wildlife volunteer!

"If all hunters would use alternative ammunition, the California condor population would be flourishing and the recovery program would be a great success."

Photos by Terry Stevens

Education-Intersession

by Megan Mosby and Carol Suits

A new set of 3R's is taught – reduce, reuse, recycle – which emphasizes lessons on sustainability...a new vocabulary word added to their experience.



A student can learn outdoor ethics at any age.

Phoenix Elementary School hosted Liberty Wildlife at its Intersession at Fall and Spring Break. Students who were remaining in town when regular classes were "breaking" had a great opportunity to:

Get Their Wild On With Liberty Wildlife

A week in the fall and again in the spring semester saw Liberty Wildlife Educators and Wildlife Ambassadors take over the school for grades K-8. Fun activities, educational offerings, release of rehabilitated raptors and blessings by the winds from an eagle's wings made for a special, successful alternative. Students learn that science concepts, conservation ethics and basics of sustainability can really be fun when they "Got Their Wild On" with Liberty Wildlife.



Brain training - Using interleaving teaching techniques, educators trained student brains to recall what has been learned previously each day or class.







Math skills coupled with natural history – the needs of American kestrels and screech owls were met by building nest boxes to be appropriately mounted at schools.



importance of habitat, and ways to keep it clean and safe for us and for wildlife.



Intersession Reading Ideas

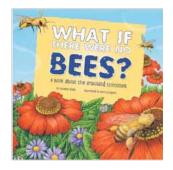
by Carol Suits

Intersession: That time during the school year when students aren't in classes.

What to do?

Perhaps a book will enlighten or cause exploration or simply provide a moment of fun!

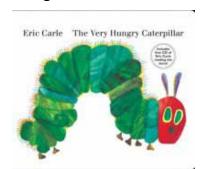
How many species of bees can you find outside?



What If There Were No Bees? by Suzanne Slade

Ages 7 – 9 "This bug's eye view of life as a honeybee illustrates the paramount role they play in an ecosystem, as pollinators of wildflowers and crops and sources of food for creatures higher up in the food chain. Radiant illustrations are paired with simple, perceptive sentences by Suzanne Slade to underscore the impact of the loss of keystone species."

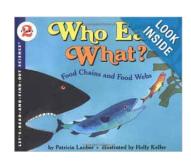
Where are there butterflies in your neighborhood?



The Very Hungry Caterpillar
by Eric Carle
Ages 0 – 6 "In the light of the moon, a

little egg lay on a leaf." So begins one of the most beloved picture books of all times written by Eric Carle. A tiny and very hungry green and yellow caterpillar with a little red face pops out of his egg and starts looking for food. Two weeks later he lifts off from the exhilarating final double page, as a multicolored butterfly."

Can you draw a food chain?



Who Eats What? Food Chains and Food Webs by Patricia Lauber

Ages 6 – 10+ "Informative and intriguing, this science book teaches children to think about the complex and interdependent web of life on Earth. Every link in a food chain is important because each living thing depends on others for survival, no matter how big or how small. Lively drawings from Holly Keller illustrate the clear, simple text by Patricia Lauber."

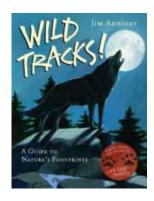
What can you grow in your backyard?



On Meadowview Street by Henry Cole

Ages 4 – 8 "Caroline lives on Meadowview Street. But where's the meadow? Where's the view? There's nothing growing in her front yard except grass. Then she spots a flower and a butterfly and a bird and Caroline realizes that with her help, maybe Meadowview Street can have a meadow after all. This picture book by Henry Cole offers children a quiet approach to embracing the natural world."

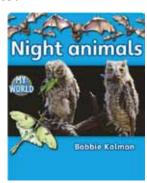
Go outside and look for tracks!



Wild Tracks! A Guide to Nature's Footprints by Jim Arnosky

Ages 5 – 10 "In this information-packed guide to animal tracks, with striking paintings done in pencil and acrylic, Jim Arnosky identifies the tracks, actual size, of hoofed mammals, bears, small mammals, felines, canines, reptiles, and birds. Readers will especially love the four gatefolded pages that open up into three panels showcasing comparative sizes of each family's tracks. Readers will want to go outside and look for tracks, that's for sure. Arnosky makes naturalists of us all."

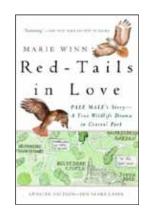
What nocturnal animal is your favorite?



Night Animals by Bobbie Kalman

Ages 5 – 7 "Owls, raccoons, bats, and fireflies are featured in this intriguing book about nocturnal animals. Simple text introduces children to these night-time hunters and the special senses they possess that help them find food in the dark. It also acquaints children with animals such as red foxes, which hunt both in the day and at night. An activity asks readers to identify which animals they see during the day and which animals come out at night."

Find the amazing urban wildlife living around you.

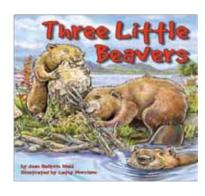


Red-Tails in Love by Marie Winn

Ages 13 – Adult "The scene of this enchanting (and true) story is the Ramble, an unknown wilderness deep in the heart of New York's fabled Central Park. When a pair of red-tailed hawks builds a nest atop a Fifth Avenue apartment house across the street from the model-boat pond, Author Marie Winn and her fellow "Regulars" are soon transformed into obsessed hawk watchers. The hilarious and occasionally heartbreaking saga of Pale Male and his mate as they struggle to raise a family in their unprecedented nest site, and the affectionate portrait of the humans who

fall under their spell will delight and inspire readers for years to come."

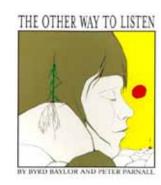
Make your own beaver dam!



Three Little Beavers by Jean Heilprin Diehl

Ages 6 – 9 "Author Jean Heilprin Diehl's cute story acquaints children with the habits of beavers but also encourages them to discover their own special talents. Four pages of "For Creative Minds" learning activities include fun facts about beavers and their adaptations, a hands-on craft making lodges and dams, and thought questions concerning whether beavers are pests or environmental engineers."

Shhhhh! Go outside and listen.



The Other Way to Listen
by Byrd Baylor
Ages 6 – 10+ "When you know 'the

other way to listen,' you can hear wildflower seeds burst open, you can hear the rocks murmuring and the hills singing, and it seems like the most natural thing in the world. Byrd Baylor lives and writes in Arizona, presenting images of the Southwest and an intense connection between the land and the people. Her prose illustrates vividly the value of simplicity, the natural world, and the balance of life within it."

How can you be a hero in your world?



100 Heartbeats

The Race to Save Earth's Most Endangered Species by Jeff Corwin

Ages 15 – Adult "This book is a journey to meet our planet's endangered animals and the heroes working to save them. Jeff Corwin takes readers on a global tour to witness firsthand the critical state of our natural world. Along the way, he shares inspiring stories of battles being waged and won in defense of the earth's most threatened creatures by the conservationists on the front lines."

"Every child is born a naturalist. His eyes are, by nature, open to the flories of the stars, the beauty of the flowers, and the mystery of life."

Ritu Ghatourey

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"Hello, this is Eileen B. calling. This is not an emergency and you don't have to call back. I did have an emergency on Sunday. I had a bat in my house. I just want to commend the rescuer who came out. She did an excellent job. She was in and out of my house and got the bat in some kind of bag. We released it outside of my house. I have no idea where it is. It was not hurt or injured. I'm sure by now it flew away. At least I hope it flew away and will not fly in my house again! I just want to commend her and 'Wildlife Liberty' because you do a terrific job. I will make a donation in her name or iust send a donation to vour foundation. Thank her for me and thank you all very, very much!"

The Hotline called about a rescue required in west Phoenix. When I called the family, they described how they'd found an owl in their backyard and were worried about it attacking their dogs. They had managed to herd it into a netted dog enclosure before calling Liberty Wildlife for help. They and their dogs were behind closed doors in the house and weren't about to go near the wild creature again. Upon arrival, with my BIG rescue box, BIG rescue net, and BIG rescue gloves, the family took me to the patio (where they stayed, not venturing into the yard) and pointed to the enclo-

sure. Standing there was an orphaned burrowing owl fledgling staring back at us. After I picked the little guy up, we (owl and I) had an educational moment with the family about the species and its habitat before bringing it to Liberty Wildlife for care. However, even then, they never got closer than 3 feet to the young owl. :)

I had a young man named Ethan (11 years old) who called our hotline by himself. He informed me that he had a baby bird. He told me he already had it in a container with some bedding that he uses for his snake aquarium. This kid was on top of it! I asked if there was a nest near by and he informed me that he had already found the nest and determined he could climb the tree and get to it, but he was just waiting for his mom to get home so she could help him since it was not possible for him to climb the tree while holding this baby bird. He was an extraordinary young man!

I gave him my home phone number so if he needed any guidance or help he could call me after 6 pm. About 9 pm that night I got a call. It was Ethan! He just said, "Okay the baby bird is safely back in his nest." I was just so amazed with this delightful young man! He was composed, capable, proactive and thoughtful. I was

thrilled to help our boy hero, Ethan!

On the hotline we often get people calling back to check on an animal they've brought to us. Just such a call happened recently when a woman wanted to check on a baby finch she had dropped off at Liberty Wildlife. She explained she didn't have a car but was determined to get the baby to us so she had come by cab, paying \$55 for the cab ride!

I had a call to go out for an injured goose at a used car dealership. When I got there he was laying in the shade at the back of the lot. The lot was huge and obviously had been a much bigger dealership at one time. There were several empty garages with open doors. I tried to approach him slowly with my net behind my back but he took off running and I ended up chasing him through the empty garages for about 20 minutes before I could finally get my net over him. He couldn't fly but he sure could

"Hello! I just wanted to leave a message saying thank you to the Wildlife Association. Your rescuer just picked

up an injured great blue heron behind my house. It only took him about 45 minutes from the moment I called and he was able to catch the bird in a gentle, wonderful manner. And I wanted you all to know I appreciate it and I thank you. My name is Nancy from Sun Lakes."

I had started volunteering for the Hotline only two months earlier and was still feeling my way along in lots of situations when late on a Saturday afternoon I took a call from a man whose very panicky

voice made me nervous before I even knew what his problem was. "A car just stopped and they've tossed them over the fence into my backyard" Quick!" he yelled into the phone. Uh oh, was I going to be able to handle this? What kind of wild animals do we have in Arizona (I'd only lived here three years.)? Better check the Hotline Manual before I call this man back. So, I checked the "mammals" page. Hmmm...could be raccoons, javalina, coyotes, skunks, mountain lions. I didn't think bats would hang around after

they had been tossed into a back yard. I gathered up my courage to call back. By this time, I was as nervous as he sounded. "Somehow," I thought to myself, "I'll get the expert help he needs." I was surprised and relieved when the "wild animals" turned out to be three white ducks. I was able to handle the call after all! I was very glad I didn't have to send anyone out to collect mountain lions.



A new approach to tell Liberty Wildlife's story

by Christian Gort

Find information regarding Education Ambassador, Apache (left), and other Liberty Wildlife success stories in the link below.

With the availability of information at our immediate disposal, newer ways of visualizing that information comes along frequently. Story Maps, created by Esri, a geographic information software company, is one of these new and popular methods. A story map allows the creator to use geographic data to visually enhance their story, bringing a more powerful connection between story and reader.

How does this apply to Liberty Wildlife? I recently attended ASU where I received an advanced degree in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). As part of my final project, I created a story map for Liberty Wildlife. My goal was to create another medium for Liberty Wildlife to tell their story with their new location on

the way. A story map can complement the education and story telling mission to connect more people to Liberty Wildlife. My initial story map took significant success cases in recent Liberty Wildlife history and put them together with geographic information for an enhanced story telling experience. The map locates the site of each case, providing the reader a better connection to the story.

Web GIS has significantly grown in popularity and is a source for providing information to the masses. Visit the link below to see the initial story map created for Liberty Wildlife.

http://arcg.is/1HSXpO3

Cleanup to Save Wildlife Meetup

by Megan Mosby and Carol Suits

People ask "What can I do to help?" One volunteer had the answer that turned out to be fun for all ages and addressed the hazzards facing water fowl in our parks

"The result that first day was 27 pounds of trash bagged and a lot of goodwill to be had from the people enjoying the park and lake."

due to errant fishing detrititus... fishing line, sinkers, hooks, and lures ingested or wrapped around beaks, wings and legs. John Glitsos established a Meetup website inviting the public to join us for the first cleanup at a park in Scottsdale.

On the surface the park was pristine. People were walking dogs, running, riding bikes,

picnicking and fishing. On the surface it looked perfect. Our Cleanup to Save Wildlife Meetup group was 18 strong that first day. Equipped with bags, gloves and scissors, and with a purpose in mind, we filled bags and bags full of "stuff." There was fishing line which

deceptively clung to grass, sand, and

tables. We found cigarette butts,

plastic bread bag sealers, metal pop top mechanisms and any number of other deadly discards just waiting to be grabbed and ingested, doing damage. But with eagle eyes and lots of help we scoured the area.

The result that first day was 27 pounds of trash bagged and a lot of goodwill to be had from the people enjoying the park and lake. We talked to fisher groups all of whom appreciated our work and vowed to do their best to make future treks unnecessary. Since then, there have been six more Meetups at parks from Tempe to Anthem, Phoenix to Scottsdale with 270 people following on the website, showing interest in future efforts.

http://www.meetup.com/Cleanup-to-Save-Wildlife-Meetup/photos/25961795/



Liberty Wildlife is committed to nurturing the nature of Arizona by providing quality wildlife rehabilitation, environmental education, and conservation services for the community.

A Call to Action!

The Challenge: Act to change one behavior.

The Result: Making your world more sustainable

The Reward: A better world for your children and grandchildren

by Claudia Kirscher

Here's a checklist of items. What will you choose?

Everyday Trash

The EPA estimates that most of our garbage is made of items that can be recyled or composted. Take a moment to monitor the things that go into your trash that should go into the recyle bin.



Cut up six-pack rings to avoid animal entanglement

Slash yogurt cups to reduce animal entrapment

Carry reusable shopping bags to reduce plastic

Invest in refillable alternatives to plastic bottles

"We cannot do everything, but we can all do something." Dillon Burroughs

Got Water?

Drought is now a part of our everyday conversation. It is estimated that 90% of all water used in a single-family

home during a three month winter period goes into the sewer system and the remaining 10% is used for drinking, cooking, landscaping, and other outside uses.

Take a less than five minute shower to save up to 1,000 gallons of water per month.

Check for water leaks in toilets and faucets in your home.



Install low-flow throughout your home.

Xeriscape your decorative garden with drought-

tolerant plants.

"One person can make a difference, and every person should try." Thomas E. Cronin

Help the Birds

Millions of birds die each year from collisions with industrial, inner city and urban buildings.

Investigate window decals to prevent strikes.

Keep bird feeders and landscaping well away from windows.

Delay tree trimming during spring nesting season.

Investigate building lighting strategies for migrating birds.



"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do." Edward Everett Hale

Cleanup for Wildlife

When enjoying our lakes and rivers, pack out what you pack in and pick up what others leave behind.

Take care to account for all fishing line, sinkers and hooks.

Join Liberty Wildlife's Cleanup for Wildlife Meetup events!

http://www.meetup.com/Cleanup-to-Save-Wildlife-Meetup



First day at Liberty Wildlife

Condor 455 continued from page 3

Over the next 86 days we came to work knowing that we had a life to save. Every day we would enter her enclosure, give her IV fluids, and force food into her through the surgical hole in her crop. We did this every 2-3 hours, just to keep her alive. The lead was slowly leaving her body, but the damage had been done. We had one mission: to keep this beautiful creature alive until her body was able to heal itself from the damage done by lead. I would drive home at the end of the day with tears in my eyes and hope in my heart, just praying 455 would be alive when I showed up the next day.

Condor 455 left Liberty Wildlife on March 12, 2015; but not before changing my life forever. She gave me strength and showed me what it means to fight. If I had any doubt in my heart before, I now know that this is my mission in life. I'm here to help those that cannot speak for themselves.



First surgery for Condor 455



Condors, paired up before needing rehabilitation, pair up again quickly after return to their territory.

Condor 455 ready to go home Photos this article by Terry Stevens

Excited about the New Liberty Wildlife Campus?

SO ARE WE!

Join us for 'Hard Hat' Tours this fall as construction of the new Liberty Wildlife campus is picking up speed! Building at the new location, 2600 East Elwood in Phoenix, Arizona, has begun and things are moving quickly.

Call Megan at 480-998-0230 or email megan@libertywildlife.org to schedule your exclusive tour.

Small groups are allowed with hard hats (provided) and closed-toe shoes required.

Naming opportunities are still available – please visit www.libertywildlife.org under the link 'How You Can Help' to find out what you and your family might be interested in naming as a legacy, memorial, honorarium – or just because you love wildlife, education, sustainability and conservation initiatives!

We can't wait to show you around!!



Liberty Wildlife Wish List

We are accepting donations of the following items for our new facility. If you have an item or would like to help us get any of the items listed, please contact Megan at megan@libertywildlife.org for more information.

Equipment (Medical)

Pulse oximeter

EKG machine for animals Hematocrit centrifuge Surgical tables Autoclave Lyon Electric ICU units large and small Zoo Med reptile mesh enclosures Northwoods raptor scales Veterinary scale - floor mount Steel and wood shelving for storage Cautery for veterinary use Vision reptile enclosures Portable digital x-ray machine Syringes (60 & 30 cc) Needles (18, 21, 22, 23, 25 gauge, $\frac{3}{4}$ -1" – 1" in length) Non-sterile gauze pads (2" x 2") Chlorexedine solution Tongue depressors Cover slips and slides **Fecalyzers** Biopsy iars Fluorescent green 3"x5" note cards

Portable anesthesia machine Blood machine for in-house blood work

X-Ray developer machine (automatic)

Digital X-ray machine
Surgery lights
Brown Adsen thumb forceps

Olsen Hager needle holders Microscopes

Digital thermometers Mammal control pole

Equipment (General)

Digital camera
Laptop computer for medical services
use (newer than 2009)
Brooders
Stools without wheels
Water softener unit
Intercom system (indoor/outdoor)
Handheld radios for staff and
volunteer leads
Mist system
Free standing fans

Free standing swamp coolers

Electric golf cart (2 & 4 seaters)
Pallet jack

Office Supplies

Paper towels (Kirkland) or any other brand
Dish Soap (Dawn ONLY)
Hand Soap
Liquid Laundry Detergent
Bleach
Postage stamps
Printer Cartridge (HP 74-75-45-78 only)
Printer Cartridge Canon (251M, 251Rk 251Y 251C, 251PaRk)

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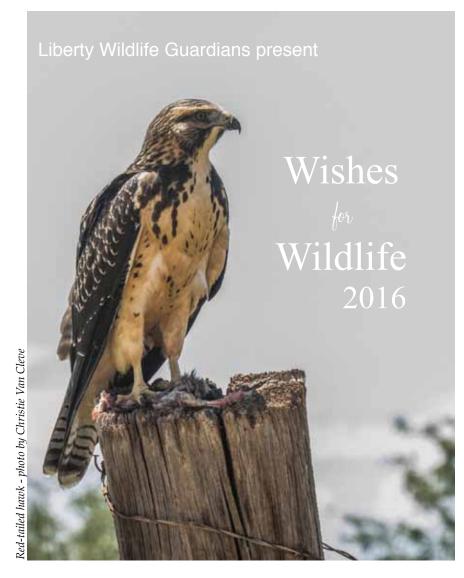
Staples, Fry's, PetsMart gift cards Manila folders (letter size)

Heating Pads

Surgical Gloves

Planter saucers (all sizes) Sharpie markers

New AA & AAA Batteries



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Sharon and Ollie Harper

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Wishes for Wildlife 2015

A beautiful evening, a full house, a great success for Arizona's wildlife











The Road to Success

by Megan Mosby

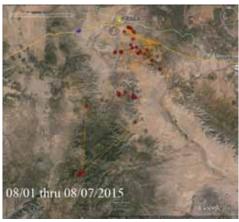
A golden eagle was reported injured on the San Carlos Reservation in June of 2013. He had minor injuries and was brought to Liberty Wildlife for care. Ten days later he was ready to be returned to his nesting area as he was near fledging age. Unfortunately his parents, assuming he was gone were no longer present in the breeding area. It was decided that the best chance he had at success was to attempt a "wild fostering" at a nest with a newly fledged golden eagle about the same age. Our eagle

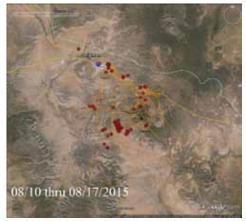
was fitted with a transmitter so his progress could be monitored.

He was placed in a nest in the Seligman area where he immediately fledged. He was clearly ready. The great part of the experience was that the foster parents allowed the "interloper fledgling" to stick around and benefit from the parental lessons that wild parents are so good at giving.

The three graphics included here show the movement of the fostered eagle over a recent 20-day-period.

He seems to be doing well in his "new natal" area and appears to have successfully made it through the treacherous first two years feeding on prairie dogs and rabbits in the Seligman area. We don't often get to have the kind of feedback provided by the use of the transmitter, but thanks to the eagle biologists at AZ Game and Fish Department we have been able to get a glimpse of the successful rehabilitation and return to the wild of this golden eagle.







Join the Wings of an Eagle Legacy Circle!

There are several ways to leave your legacy with Liberty Wildlife through your estate plans:

- * Naming Liberty Wildlife as a beneficiary in your simple will or living trust
- * Consider naming Liberty Wildlife as a beneficiary of any life insurance policy
- * Consider a planned gift through a Charitable Gift Annuity or Charitable Remainder Trust guaranteeing lifetime income, avoiding capital gains and benefitting Liberty Wildlife

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Ways to Give Without Leaving the House...

by Alex Stofko

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

AmazonSmile

Amazon customers are able to shop online at smile.amazon. com and The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate .5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization selected.

- 1. Create an Amazon account at www.amazon.com.
- 2. Go to smile.amazon.com and login using your Amazon account information. You will be prompted to select a charity; type in 'Liberty Wildlife' and click 'search'; 'select' Liberty Wildlife Rehabilitation Foundation Inc.
- 3. Start shopping AmazonSmile to benefit Liberty Wildlife!

GoodSearch

Raise money by doing things you already do!

- 1. Create a GoodSearch account at www.goodsearch.com.
- 2. When prompted with 'Who do you want to help?' search 'Liberty Wildlife'; Select 'Liberty Wildlife' and you will be redirected to your homepage.
- 3. Start using GoodSearch's many fund-raising options!

Fry's Food Community Rewards Program

If you already have a Fry's VIP Card, please follow the steps below. If you do not have a Fry's VIP Card and would like to

enroll, please go to your nearest Fry's Food Store and ask to join their VIP Card program.

- Create an account at www.FrysCommunityRewards. com
- 2. Sign-in to your account; click on 'My Account' then 'Account Settings', click 'edit' under Community Rewards; 'search' 'Liberty Wildlife' and click the 'select' box next to Liberty Wildlife Rehabilitation Foundation and click 'save.'
- 3. Go to your nearest Fry's Food Store and support Liberty Wildlife while you shop for groceries. A 'Thank you for your contribution to Liberty Wildlife' will be located at the bottom of your shopping receipt.

Amazon WishList

Shop online in our WishList registry and the items will be sent directly to us!

- 1. Create an Amazon account at www.amazon.com.
- 2. On the right-hand side of your homepage, click on WishList; type in 'Liberty Wildlife' and click 'search'; our WishList will show up on the screen.
- 3. Shop the many items in our WishList and these items will be sent directly to our facility!



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Black-throated gray warbler - photo by Christie Van Cleve



Burrowing owl - photo by Terry Stevens

Liberty Wildlife Store Nurturing the Nature of Arizona





"I Got Barfed on by a Turkey Vulture", "Tiny but Mighty", and "WHO is making that noise?" Written by Balinda, Illustrated by Kids!



Laser engraved Liberty Wildlife Keychain flashlight!



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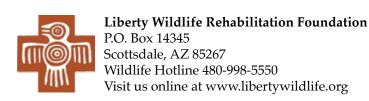
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Burrowing owl - photo by Matt VanWallene

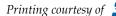


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ANNUAL BUDGET

2014 Operating Income

Donated facilities and services 0.88% Special events and Research and conservation merchandise, net 0.32% 1.70% Research and conservation Wildlife services 2.79% Wildlife food_ Community Education 0.40% 21.70% 19.88% Program salaries and related. Rehabilitation benefits 20.70% 25 76% Donations Administrative expenses

Liberty Wildlife Operating Income and Expenses For the Year Ending **December 31, 2014**

96.69%

Operating Income:

| Donations | \$ | 877,508 |
|--------------------------------|----|---------|
| Wildlife services | | 36,745 |
| Research & Conservation | | 29,275 |
| Donated facilities and service | es | 79,721 |
| Special events | | |
| and merchandise (net) | | 154,360 |

Total Operating Income: \$1,177,609

Operating Expenses:

| Program salaries | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| and related benefits | \$ 130,584 |
| Wildlife food | 109,972 |
| Research & Conservation | 14,118 |
| Community education | 100,778 |
| Rehabilitation | 131,837 |
| Administrative expenses | 19,587 |
| | |

Total Operating Expenses: 506,876

Operating Income

in Excess of Expenses: 670,733 Capital Campaign Contributions 630,500

Liberty Wildlife Goes Grocery Shopping for Animal Food

2014 Operating Expense

3.86%

| Crumble/Scratch | 900lbs. |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Seed | 1,450 lbs. |
| Worms | 248,000 |
| Crickets | 112,000 |
| Mice | 119,800 |
| Rats | 7,016 |
| Rabbits | 40 |
| Quail | 3,565 |
| Chickens | 1,325 |
| Carnivore diet | 20 lbs. |
| Trout/caplain | 150lb/1,100 lbs. |
| Minnows | 12,000 |
| Fruits and Vegeta | ables 641lbs. |
| Lettuce heads | 423 |
| Exact tube feed | 50 lbs. |
| Eggs | 2,514 |
| Chicken drumstic | ks 392 |

Department Statistics for 2014

Medical Services, Daily Care and Orphan Care

| Total native animals assisted | 5,213 |
|--|-------|
| Total orphaned animals assisted | 3,135 |
| Number of species (see next page) | 121 |
| Highest intake month - June | 1,057 |
| Total animal care volunteers all shifts: | |

| Medical Services | 47 |
|------------------|----|
| Daily Care | 85 |
| Orphan Care | 72 |

Additional Support

| Hotline volunteers | 35 |
|--|-------|
| Rescue & Transportation volunteers | 113 |
| Hours logged by R&T volunteers | 8,257 |
| Research & Conservation biologists | 5 |
| Cooperating veterinarians | 8 |
| Wildlife Guardians | 23 |
| Scientific Advisory Board | 4 |
| Non-Eagle Feather Repository Board | 5 |
| Publications volunteers | 8 |
| Board of Directors | 15 |
| Advisory Board of Directors | 20 |

Education

- 775 programs
- 2,472,518 total audience
- 931.63 program hours provided
- 58,681 miles driven by volunteers to and from Liberty Wildlife for programs
- \$34,519.84 amount of donations brought directly to Liberty Wildlife programs
- 55 total number of volunteers completing programs
- 27 hand feed volunteers

Total volunteer jobs 403

Number of volunteer hours 59.486

(Conservatively, the value of volunteer time equals the number of hours x \$23.07 per hour) \$1,372,342.02*

*Based on documented volunteer hours and figures from Independent Sector research

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common poorwill common raven common snipe Cooper's hawk cottontail rabbit Costa's hummingbird curve-billed thrasher desert spiny lizard desert tortoise double-crested cormorant eared grebe flammulated owl Gambel's quail qecko Gila woodpecker gilded flicker gopher snake golden eagle great blue heron great egret great horned owl greater roadrunner great-tailed grackle green heron grey fox Harris' hawk house finch Inca dove iackrabbit

kangaroo mouse killdeer lark sparrow lesser goldfinch lesser nighthawk little brown bat MacGillivray's warbler mallard Merriam's kangaroo rat Mexican freetail bat mourning dove neotropic cormorant night snake northern flicker northern harrier northern mockingbird northern pygmy owl northern rough-winged swallow northern saw-whet owl packrat peregrine falcon pied-billed grebe pocket gopher prairie falcon raccoon red-headed duck red-tailed hawk

ring-necked duck ruddy duck rock squirrel roof rat round-tailed ground squirrel sagebrush lizard Say's phoebe sharp-shinned hawk Sonoran desert toad Swainson's hawk Townsend's warbler turkey vulture verdin violet-green swallow Virginia rail western grebe western kingbird western pipistrelle bat western screech owl western tanager white-crowned sparrow white-faced ibis white-winged dove Wilson's warbler yellow bat yellow-rumped warbler zone-tailed hawk

red-winged blackbird

Naming Opportunities

| The <name> Campus of Liberty Wildlife</name> | 2,000,000 | X-Ray and Lab Facility (including digital x-ray |) 75,000 |
|--|-----------|--|---------------------|
| | _,, | Mammal Orphan Care Center | 50,000 |
| Acquisition of 6.5 Acres of Land | 1,900,000 | Avian Orphan Care Center | 50,000 |
| I J J | , , | Medical Training and Consultation Room | 25,000 |
| Acquisition of adjoining 2.0 acres of expansion land | 650,000 | | , |
| | | Sustainability Package | 1,000,000 |
| External and Outdoor Signage: | | Solar Panels | 250,000 |
| Plaza/Garden Outdoor Area (Steele Foundation) | 600,000 | Wetland Pond | 150,000 |
| Amphitheatre/ Eagle Feeding Station | 400,000 | Educational Displays related to Sustainability | 135,000 |
| Interior Courtyard | 100,000 | Rainwater Harvesting | 125,000 |
| Interpretive Trail (around courtyard) | 100,000 | Stabilized Decomposed Granite | 100,000 |
| Bridge and Wetland Overlook | 50,000 | Canopy for Cars and Water Harvesting | 100,000 |
| Walk-through Aviary | 50,000 | LEED Certification | 50,000 |
| Pollinator Garden | 25,000 | LED Lighting | 25,000 |
| Rescue Check-In | 10,000 | Low E Glass | 20,000 |
| Rescue Check-III | 10,000 | Electric Car Charger (double) | 20,000 |
| Edwardian Campiana | | Energy Saving Appliances | 15,000 |
| Education Services: | | Upgraded Ceiling Insulation | 10,000 |
| Education Building with external signage | 500,000 | | |
| Children's Education Classroom (GRIC) | 300,000 | Administration and Support Services: | |
| Educational Interpretive Area | 150,000 | | •00.000 |
| Eagle Pavilion (Educational) | 100,000 | Lobby | 200,000 |
| Science Station | 75,000 | Volunteer Center | 150,000 |
| Falcon Pavilion (Educational) (Teets Family) | 50,000 | Conference Room/Board Room | 100,000 |
| Hawk Pavilion (Educational) (Hawgood Family) | 50,000 | IT Systems | 100,000 |
| Owl Pavilion (Educational) (Mulford Family) | 50,000 | Multi-Purpose Training Room | 50,000 |
| Children's Interactive Center (Cole Family) | 50,000 | Security System | 40,000 |
| Interpretive Trail – (Educational) (Mueller Family) | 25,000 | | |
| Observation Station – Triage (Lang Family) | 25,000 | Miscellaneous Opportunities: | |
| Observation Station - Surgery | 25,000 | Education Van(s) | 55,000 |
| | | · · | 5,000 – 10,000 each |
| Medical Services (External): | | Benches – multiple (John Robertson) | 5,000 each |
| D. I. I. T. A. C. A. A. H. C. A. I. E. C. T. C. | 500,000 | Specimen Trees | 3,000 each |
| Rehabilitation Center/Hospital Facility | 500,000 | Specimen Cactus | 1,000 - 2,000 each |
| Flight Cage for Eagles and Condors (180 ft) | 350,000 | Small Benches – multiple (<i>Parrott Family</i>) | 1,500 each |
| Eagle Pavilion, Rehab | 300,000 | Tiles and Bricks | 250-500 each |
| Mammal Pavilion (Moller Trust) | 150,000 | | |
| Owl Pavilion | 75,000 | Educational Displays through | iout |
| Hawk Pavilion | 75,000 | individually and annually supp | |
| Large Flight Cage for Hawks and Owls | 75,000 | 7 11 | |
| Flight Enclosure for Water Birds | 50,000 | | |
| Large Mammal Pavilion | 50,000 | Naming () programities are negotiable and based on the discr | |
| Eagle Foster Care Pavilion (Cole Family) | 50,000 | of the donor. | |
| Owl Foster Care Pavilion (Mulford Family) | 25,000 | | |
| Hawk Foster Care Pavilion (Hobbs Family) | 25,000 | Italics – naming opportunity has be | een gifted |
| Corvid Foster Care Pavilion | 25,000 | | |
| Flight Cage/Pavilion for Song Birds | 25,000 | Visit www.libertywildlife.net for Liberty Wildli | fe membership |
| Small Mammal Pavilion | 25,000 | opportunities and logo items! | |
| Modical Sarvices (Internal) | | | |
| Medical Services (Internal): | | | |
| | 250000 | | |

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