

## Aldo



Aldo arrived at Liberty Wildlife in the summer of 2018 as a juvenile. A rescuer found him on the ground in Phoenix. He was diagnosed with a very severe case of trichomoniasis, a protozoal disease with numerous symptoms, including lesions in the mouth and esophagus. His condition required intense treatment including being tube fed and handled daily. When Aldo recovered, he was put with Kestrel foster parents and youngsters, but he showed no interest in following the foster parents. Staff determined that Aldo had become habituated to humans because of the exposure to his caretakers. Aldo is now a welcome addition to the education program.

## Ella



Ella, an adult burrowing owl, was found injured in Mesa and brought to Liberty Wildlife in the fall of 2017. She had a fractured bone (distal humerus) near the elbow of the wing. Because of the location of the fracture, surgery was not an option. Once the fracture healed, the wing had limited extension, resulting in limited flight ability. Ella's hunting ability was compromised and she was judged to be non-releasable. Ella is now a lively addition to the education team.

## Eurus



Eurus, a juvenile Peregrine, was brought to Liberty Wildlife in spring of 2018. He was found injured on the ground. An examination revealed that he had a luxation (dislocation) of his left wing elbow. The location of the injury precluded surgery as an option. When the injury healed, Eurus had limited movement in the wing, and staff deemed him non-releasable. Eurus has become an enthusiastic member of the education team.

## Brienne



Arizona Game & Fish Department found Brienne, an adult female, on the ground in Kingman, Arizona and transferred her to Liberty in December 2018. She had suffered an electrical shock causing injury to the ventral radius ulna portion of her wing. The injury caused severe nerve and tendon damage and took months to heal. As a result Brienne is unable to fly. She was also diagnosed and treated for aspergillosis, a fungal infection that causes respiratory disease. Brienne has since become a beautiful addition to our Eagle educators. Her experience with electrical wiring contributes to our education mission in partnership with utility companies to reduce the danger of electrocution for raptors of all types.

## Bagherra



Bagherra was hatched in 1992 and gifted to Liberty Wildlife in 2009 by a falconer. It was hoped that he would be able to serve as a foster parent for young RTHs, but his handlers found out that he did not get along well with other birds. He was then moved to education at Liberty Wildlife where he serves as a wildlife ambassador to the public.

## Chiquita



Chiquita was found by a family in Bullhead City who kept her for a week, then took her to the Humane Society. She was transferred from there to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and then to Liberty Wildlife in early 2016. During a physical exam at Liberty, it was determined that she was imprinted and non-releasable. At Liberty she was first placed with other kestrels, but she preferred associating with humans. She is now a welcome addition to our education team.

## Hunny



Hunny was brought to Liberty Wildlife in November 2009 as a juvenile. She was found on the ground in a Phoenix area electrical substation, the badly burned victim of an electrical incident. A broken right leg was surgically repaired, but severe burns, the worst on the left wing, were life threatening. With excellent and intense medical care and good luck, she survived and recovered. As a result of being burned, the patagial ligament of her left wing was contracted and she was unable to extend it for flight. As an unflighted raptor, she was deemed non-releasable and joined the education team. Her experience makes her a valuable ambassador in conjunction with Liberty Wildlife's conservation efforts with utility companies to reduce the risk of electrocution for raptors. Harris Hawks are especially at risk for electrocution because of their tendency to gather in complex family groups on electrical transmission equipment.

## Franklin



In the spring of 2017, Franklin, an adult Saw Whet Owl, flew into a window near Foothills Road in North Phoenix. A rescuer brought Franklin to Liberty Wildlife. He sustained a wing injury that required a partial left wing amputation. Franklin recovered well from the surgery, but is now unable to fly. Franklin has since become a popular member of the education team.

## Iris



Iris was brought to Liberty by her rescuer who had found her on the ground as a juvenile in summer 2017. At that time she was treated for an injury to her right eye. In an attempt to determine if Iris could be released, she was placed with other Kestrels and was given live food. Unfortunately, she did not succeed at hunting. Iris is now a lively addition to the education team.

## Katniss



Katniss was brought to Liberty as a 2 year adult female in summer 2017. She had remarkably survived flying through a methane burn off plume of 1600 degrees. Katniss suffered severe feather damage and burns to the skin from this incident. After her rehabilitation, she was put in the flight cage and observed to have some flight, but had to work hard to maintain elevation. It appeared that she had suffered some nerve damage from the burns, and was judged to be non-releasable. Katniss, like her namesake, is a brave survivor and welcome addition to the education group.

## Maverick



Maverick, as an immature bald eagle, was blown from his nest at White Horse Lake in summer 2017. Arizona Game & Fish employees brought Maverick to Liberty Wildlife. A veterinary examination revealed that he had a dislocated elbow at his left wing, and internal injuries. The elbow was realigned and splinted, but was not able to be surgically repaired. This left Maverick with limited extension in his left wing and limited flight ability. He also tested positive for aspergillus, a fungal infection that causes respiratory disease in birds. He was treated for the disease, and will continue to be monitored to be sure there is no damage to his respiratory system. Maverick is a handsome addition to the Eagles in our education group.

## Zephyr



In fall 2017 Zephyr was transferred to Liberty Wildlife from another rehabilitator as a 2 year adult. A veterinary examination revealed that he had a healed fracture to his left metacarpus, the bone at the tip of the wing. Although Zephyr has some flying ability, he has trouble maintaining elevation. After observations of Zephyr's difficulties in the flight cage, he was judged to be non-releasable. Liberty is fortunate to have another handsome male peregrine as part of our education group.

## Beau



Beau was found as a nestling near Wilcox, AZ. In 1996 his owner brought him to the Wings Over Wilcox Festival and gave him to Liberty Wildlife personnel. In addition to being imprinted, Beau had been fed an improper diet for some time, and had quite severe folding fractures. Because of these conditions, he was judged to be non-releasable and became a popular addition to the education team known for his gregarious personality and talkative nature. Beau is now retired from education programs because of the arthritis he developed in his legs and feet. He does, however, continue to enjoy greeting the public and being a part of Liberty's education activities in the Interactive Room on the Liberty campus.

## Junior



Junior is a gorgeous Black Crowned Night Heron found in Arizona, as a fledgling, and taken to a local vet in 2011 for 30 days. Junior was then transferred to Arizona Game & Fish Department where he stayed until coming to Liberty Wildlife in fall 2018. By the time Junior arrived at AFGD he was imprinted on humans and thus, unreleasable. Junior is currently a very popular attraction in the aviary with his exuberant verbal and behavioral displays.

## **The Corvids**

Most of the Corvids – Ravens and Crows – do not go to offsite education venues. However, they are popular attractions onsite at Liberty Wildlife entertaining guests who enjoy watching them play and manipulate the many toys and gadgets in their mews. The Ravens, Lenny and Clarence, are also known to captivate visitors with vocalizations – when they are in the mood, that is.

### **Beaker**



Beaker, aptly named with his quirky curved beak, arrived at Liberty as a nestling in spring 2010. He had been found in Wickenburg with indications that electrical shock had damaged his lower beak. He, being a clever corvid, learned to eat with that damaged beak, but Liberty personnel feared that he would have trouble competing for food in the wild and he joined the education group. Beaker, along with several other of Liberty's birds that have tangled with electrical installations, contribute to the joint educational efforts with the utility companies to illustrate the importance of coming up with strategies to protect wildlife from these types of electrical accidents.

## Clarence



Clarence arrived at Liberty Wildlife in fall 2009. He showed signs of being imprinted at that time. He was placed with other ravens, but had no interest in associating with them. Liberty personnel determined that he was too dependent on human interaction to be released, and he became an onsite education bird.

## Lenny



As a juvenile raven, Lenny was found begging in a school yard in Safford, Arizona in summer, 2000. His rescuer took him to the Eastern Arizona Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. This facility subsequently determined that Liberty Wildlife had the resources to better care for Lenny and transferred him to the Arizona facility. Observation of Lenny once he arrived at Liberty, coupled with his reported school yard behavior, indicated that he was too comfortable with humans to be released. Today Lenny continually delights adults and youngsters alike with his playful antics and vocal mimicry.

## Tikani



Tikani was found on the ground and brought to Liberty as a nestling in spring 2018. He had an injury to his left wing in the humerus and radius ulna (bones that form the elbow of the wing) that resulted in the wing being twisted 180 degrees. Radiographs of the wing showed that surgery was not an option. The injury left Tikani with limited flight ability, suggesting that it would be difficult for him to survive in the wild. Tikani has now enthusiastically joined the other education corvids

## **Sheryl Crow**

A Liberty Wildlife volunteer brought Sheryl Crow to the Liberty facility in fall 2011. She had found Sheryl Crow, a juvenile, on the ground in North Scottsdale and was concerned because she thought she looked ragged and she did not fly from humans. The bird behavior experts at Liberty judged Sheryl Crow imprinted and unreleasable because of her comfort with humans. She is now a happy companion of our other crow, Kachina.

## **Kachina**

Kachina joined the Liberty Wildlife education family in summer 2004. She arrived from Flagstaff where she had been kept illegally for two months by a rescuer who had found her on the ground as a fledgling. Because of this experience, she had become imprinted and was very comfortable with humans. Once birds are imprinted it is difficult for them to survive in the wild, so today Kachina is happily entertaining visitors at the Liberty Wildlife campus.



## **Remembering our Former Education Ambassadors**

We at Liberty Wildlife have been fortunate to have the pleasure of working with a number of wonderfully interesting, challenging and quirky birds that lived long and educationally productive lives, but are now no longer with us. The birds became part of the education group because they were injured or imprinted and were unable to survive in the wild. These birds were willing to work with us, and in that working partnership had a huge impact in helping us teach children and adults about the fascinating world of raptors, and why conserving birds and their habitats benefits us all. They may no longer inhabit their mews, but they are not forgotten, and the contributions they made to Liberty and to the public will always be a part of their legacy.

### **Birds to be included in the Memory Section:**

Lady Liberty – Bald Eagle

Jester – Peregrine Falcon

Galahad – Merlin

Viviane – Merlin

Cheyenne – Prairie Falcon

Cuzco – Aplomado Falcon

Lucilla – Kestrel

And now the sweetest boy ever -- Elliott