



The Birds of Prey Foundation

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Dear Members and Friends,

They are all here and in greater numbers than last year. **Fifty-three more birds have been admitted this year as compared to the same day last year.**

Some of the birds admitted this year are:

- 47 Great Horned Owls
- 30 Red Tailed Hawks
- 80 American Kestrels
- 5 Golden Eagles, including two youngsters
- 2 Bald Eagles, including one youngster
- 6 Saw Whet Owls, including three owlets
- 6 Long Eared Owls, including two owlets
- 1 Burrowing Owl
- 13 Barn Owls, including seven young ones
- 20 nestling or fledgling Cooper's Hawk babies
- 2 Swainson's Hawks, one nestling and one fledgling arrived within the last two days and the season has just begun

Habitat destruction becomes a more prevalent cause for admission as the years go by. Vehicle collisions are a common reason for admission, resulting in concussions, fractured bones, and internal injuries. Some of the young birds are injured, starved, or have diseases.



Most of them are doing well and most of them do survive. Two baby Long Eared Owls look like little stuffed toys and the Saw Whet Owlets are the cutest little balls of feathers one can imagine. Three baby Screech Owls are already practicing survival skills. The sweet whistles of the Swainson's Hawk babies echo through the ICU, but the eerie hissing sounds of the clan of five Barn Owl babies remind us of spooky ghost tales from the attic.

It is my greatest hope that West Nile Virus will go elsewhere this year and give us the joy to watch our babies grow up strong and healthy. We have enclosed four of our cages with window screening to protect some of our most sensitive birds from mosquitoes.

Our baby season begins in April of each year and continues throughout the summer. Each day new, orphaned, sick and injured birds arrive, and as we try to help all of them their stories touch our hearts:

- A beautiful little Burrowing Owl was found on the steps of a Northern Pacific train car. He can't tell us where he is from.
- The two nestling Long Eared Owls came from Steamboat springs.



- A little Swainson's hawk was found in a yard after he fledged from the safety of his nest. He hid behind a shed to escape the resident dog. It was a hot summer day. He was so traumatized that he remained motionless in the back of his cage until he discovered the water dish. He then decided to take a nap in the cool water. Not a bad idea on a hot summer day!



- A Great Horned Owl hung in a barbed wire fence for a whole night and the better part of a stinging hot summer day; another Great Horned Owl was found tangled and bruised in a soccer net.
- A little female Kestrel that tried to defend her brood while being caught by a dog that played “Frisbee” with her.
- A fledgling Red Tailed Hawk arrived with clipped wings, unable to fly until he grows new feathers next summer.



- A young Golden Eagle that was kept in a small kennel carrier for numerous days. There was no substrate in his enclosure and he literally rolled in his own feces. He was absolutely horrified of humans and it took days to win his trust. His leg was fractured and had to be immobilized. I discovered the beginning symptoms of Trichomoniasis and he had to be treated immediately. Now it is a joy to watch the excitement in his eyes when we offer him good wholesome food.

In the twenty eight years since I began this program in my backyard, more than 10,000 birds have been admitted. Two thirds have been returned to our blue skies. Each year during baby season the costs to care for so many wild babies soar, when so many young hungry beaks must be fed. In the past, so many of you have supported our program - we urgently need help again to make it through the year. We are entirely dependent on the support of those who share our devotion to wildlife. We receive no public funds.

**As one of those few, caring people,
please help us and participate in our annual
Adopt-An-Orphan Program**



You or the person you designate will receive a beautiful certificate of sponsorship with a picture of one of our babies. Your gift will sponsor the care of these beautiful and vulnerable birds. The animals above are all real cases. **We have admitted over 260 birds so far this year and 101 have been released.** Over the remainder of the year many more will be released as they heal and regain their strength.



**Their survival depends on us ...
our survival depends on you**

Many foundations and communities support shelters for domestic animals. Others do not give to animal causes at all. We are the largest raptor center in Colorado, admitting about 500 birds each year. We are devoted to the best possible care for each and every one of them.

We have never turned away *any animal* in need and we are doing all we can under very difficult circumstances. Please respond as quickly as possible. **Your help is so urgently needed.**

Most sincerely,

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Founder, Director

To complete your adoption, please return the form below using the enclosed envelope.
 Or visit our web site, www.birds-of-prey.org, if you would like to adopt a bird via PayPal.
 Via PayPal you may also choose to donate using monthly payments.

I do care about helping this summer's wild orphans. I would like to adopt the following:

___ American Kestrel	\$25	___ Cooper's Hawk	\$80
___ Screech Owl	\$35	___ Great Horned Owl	\$100
___ Long Eared Owl	\$65	___ Red Tailed Hawk	\$250
___ Saw Whet Owl	\$65	___ Swainson's Hawk	\$250
___ Burrowing Owl	\$65	___ Bald Eagle	\$1000
___ Barn Owl	\$70	___ Golden Eagle	\$1000
___ Northern Harrier	\$70	___ Other	\$_____

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My check payable to the Birds of Prey Foundation is enclosed.

Please use my entire donation for the birds, no adoption certificate is needed.



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 Thank you for your donation.**