

# Born to be wild!

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## **GIVE TO LINCOLN DAY May 29, 2014**

We raised over \$1,400.00 on the day itself both online and in person and received \$195.94 in matching contributions from the Lincoln Community Foundation.

**Thank you to all who supported us by donating and/or telling your friends and family to do the same!**

## **APRIL/MAY/JUNE MEETING NEWS**

We have been very busy with animals this season. We are getting calls throughout the state and have signed up new members to help with the intake.

Please remember that if you get an animal and are not trained, make sure you contact a Team Leader so we can care for the animal properly. Let your Team Leader know that you have received an animal, so we can complete the paperwork for them.

Always be polite to the public who contacts you. They are concerned about the animals and are trying to find someone for help. Sometimes those people end up becoming new members and/or giving donations. Please try to give people updates if they have requested them, so they know how the animal is doing.

I know we're all busy this time of year, but that is important for public relations. ☺ Some rehabbers will text or email people photos of their animals so they know they're doing well.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

We have had a few phone calls lately from local law enforcement and from Game and Parks. Please remember that in order to rehabilitate wildlife legally in the State of Nebraska, you **MUST** be signed up as a rehabber and you **MUST** be current on your dues. There is also paperwork to fill out to complete this process. Upon completion of your paperwork and the receipt of your dues, we will send you a membership card that you should keep on your person. If there is ever a question about your membership being current or if you have paid your dues but have not received a membership card, please contact the Hotline at 402-473-1951 or Vikki Henry at 402-398-3031.

## **NEWSLETTER NEWS**

We are trying to save postage and the Board has decided to send out newsletters via email to as many members as we can. We understand that not everyone is able to receive them this way, so for those people who do not have emails, they will receive a hard copy. **For those of you receiving a hard copy, if you have an email address that we can use, please let us know. Thank you!**

**WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS! Thank you for joining WRT!**

## **UPCOMING ELECTIONS**

We are currently accepting nominations for the 2014-2015 Officers' positions. The positions available are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. We will also be voting for five Board of Directors positions. That position is a two year term. Some members are running for their positions again. If you are interested in running for office or Board, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Mary Beth Lienemann at [mb@dalcpapc.com](mailto:mb@dalcpapc.com) or Vikki Henry at [dougvikki@cox.net](mailto:dougvikki@cox.net).

The election will be held at the September 9th meeting. Anybody who wants to run for a position must indicate that by the end of the August 12, 2014 meeting. At that time, all nominations will be closed.

Please remember in order to vote all memberships must be current and the member must be in good standing for at least 90 days.

We will also be sending out Absentee Ballots to those people who request them. Remember that a family membership allows you two votes. You can request an Absentee Ballot by phone or letter/email and the ballot will be mailed or emailed to you for completion. It must be postmarked five days prior to the election, which means it should be postmarked by August 12<sup>th</sup>. Your name must be on it to ensure eligibility.

More details will come in the August newsletter.

## FUN APPS TO TRY

For those of you with Smart phones, download the birdsnap app. This app is an electronic Field Guide and will help you identify birds in your area. If you are on vacation, it will identify birds based on your current location. Currently, it can help to identify 500 bird species!

They also have a dogapp and a leafapp.

## OUTREACH EVENTS

We have done several wildlife presentations over the past few months.

Thanks to Vikki for presenting to Girl Scouts Troop 699 (Goldenrod Council) in Kearney and the Columbus Middle School Zoology Club in Columbus. Vikki also presented at the Academic Advantage Child Development Center in Lincoln and the Nebraska National Guard Child and Youth Development Program Youth Day Camp and Swanson Elementary School in Omaha.

We would also like to give a Shout-Out to the Carter Lake 5<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Anti-Bullying group for making fleece blankets for our animals! Thank you to Renee for coordinating that activity with them!

## THINGS TO DO IN NEBRASKA

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### NATIONAL PARKS

**FREE** National Park Days for **2014!** Get out your calendars, road maps and GPS units! You can check out Agate Fossil Beds, Homestead National Monument of America, the Lewis & Clark Trail and others at [nps.gov](http://nps.gov).

August 25 - National Park Service Birthday

September 27 - National Public Lands Day

November 11 - Veterans Day

July 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Western & Wildlife Art Show at Fort Robinson State Park in Harrison.

July 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Snakes of Nebraska at the Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium near Gretna.

July 25<sup>th</sup> Kites and Castles at Lake McConaughy by Ogallala.

**Remember to check out your local county fairs and the State Fair coming in August!**

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

Please join us for our July meeting on the 8th at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington Street in Lincoln. All meetings take place the second Tuesday of each month.

## NEARBY NEWS

Is the Bob Kerrey Bridge dangerous for birds? Read the articles from Nov. of 2013 and the follow-up by Nancy Gaarder from June 11, 2014.

[http://www.omaha.com/news/threat-to-migrating-birds-puts-spotlight-on-bob-kerrey-bridge/article\\_3aec5b3f-3028-5afc-8d5b-2c5bc8997d76.html](http://www.omaha.com/news/threat-to-migrating-birds-puts-spotlight-on-bob-kerrey-bridge/article_3aec5b3f-3028-5afc-8d5b-2c5bc8997d76.html)

[http://www.omaha.com/news/metro/despite-concerns-about-birds-omaha-tells-feds-it-won-t/article\\_13fc0b9b-e28f-5726-bec8-5f03dd4efee9.html](http://www.omaha.com/news/metro/despite-concerns-about-birds-omaha-tells-feds-it-won-t/article_13fc0b9b-e28f-5726-bec8-5f03dd4efee9.html)

## RECENT RESCUES



This red fox kit was found by someone near Imperial, Nebraska. He was caught on barbed wire and hanging on a fence. Our new member, Michelle, was able to save him and get him to another rehabber who is caring for her now.

**Stay tuned for an update!**

In Omaha, we received a call about a mother Wood Duck who had taken her ducklings into a Tires Plus store! The employees had cornered them in a room but the whole store was open to the outside with garage doors. The employees closed up the building as much as they could and we were able to catch Mom and babies and released them at a nearby lake. The whole time, Mom was talking to her babies and they would “peep” back to let her know they were there. Mom took off into the water first and then the babies followed and met up with her.

**See photos of the release on the last pages.**

## TURTLE CALLS

This is the time of year that many turtles are on the move. Between the rains that we have had and the females that are traveling to lay their eggs, we are getting many calls. If the turtle is NOT injured, please leave it alone. If it needs help crossing the road, temporarily stop traffic and let the turtle cross. If there is a turtle in someone's yard, it is either moving through or laying eggs. Let the female complete her task and she will be on the move again.

## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS!

### Hope you all have a happy and safe Fourth of July!



Speaking of the Fourth of July – remember that we can collect Solo drinking cups, cheese packaging from cubed, shredded or sliced cheese and even wine corks from your barbecues!

Keep us in mind and help us recycle and save the planet, but WRT also gets money when we return these products. We recently received a check for \$45.00 – and that's just from collecting items like juice pouches and yogurt tubs!

You can see the list of items we collect on our website. Also – they are no longer officially collecting chip bags, so I took them off the list, but we hope they get a new sponsor and we can continue sending them in.

### Lesser known holidays to celebrate in July:

July 7 – National Chocolate Day

July 12 – National Pecan Pie Day

July 30 – National Cheesecake Day



## NOTES FROM OTHER PLACES

Check out this article on a “not-so-average nest” – Crows in Tokyo, Japan, have been using metal clothes hangers to build their nests! They will take them from nearby apartments – maybe a balcony or deck? and build a home with them.

<http://www.amusingplanet.com/2014/04/city-crows-build-nests-out-of-coat.html>

## THINGS TO CHECK OUT IN YOUR SPARE TIME...

### Read a book!

**Especially at this time of year when we're all busy with wildlife rehab and everything else in our lives, like summertime fun and picnics! Keep these things in mind:**

### Eat that Frog! by Brian Tracy

Mark Twain said that you should start your day by eating a frog.

- Take your biggest task that will make the biggest impact on your day. If you have two frogs – eat the ugliest one first.
- You need to make decisions and have discipline and determination.
- Write down your goals and give yourself a deadline. Have monthly, weekly and daily deadlines.
- It's all about time and life management.
- You will never be caught up! Do the biggest frogs that will contribute to home or work.
- What can you and only you do and make a difference?
- Never stop learning – do what you love and what you do best.

## NATIONAL BIRD NEWS

Recently, I received a call from one of our members in Columbus, who said that someone she knew had found several dead Cedar Waxwings on his property. I contacted John Cochnar, a WRT member and a Fish and Wildlife biologist, who sent me an interesting article about “What's Killing Cedar Waxwings?” It is not definite, but since Cotoneaster and Crabapples can produce cyanide and therefore the birds eat the blooms and/or the berries and die, some people are hypothesizing that this is the culprit.

Look for other interesting articles at

<http://outdoornebraska.ne.gov/nebland/articles.asp>

## REMINDERS

If you have **newsletter** items, if you need **acquisition** forms, or if you would like to volunteer to **coordinate** Best Choice and Always Save UPCs, please contact Vikki at [dougvikki@cox.net](mailto:dougvikki@cox.net) or 402-398-3031. If you have UPCs to turn in, please bring them to a meeting or contact Vikki.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW HOW WE WORK?

If you are interested in a speaker or presentation please contact :

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**THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL COME YOUR WAY IN AUGUST!**

**JOIN THE TEAM!**

Go online to our website at: [www.wildliferescueteamincne.org](http://www.wildliferescueteamincne.org) or mail in your completed form to:

Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc.  
P.O. Box 80127  
Lincoln NE 68501

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHOOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND YOUR MEMBERSHIP LEVEL**

Active – handles animals (must be 16 or older)

Associate – does not handle animals, but believes in what we do!

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Active Individual \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Member \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Student \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Active Family \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Citizen (62 or over) \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate Supporter \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Momma Wood Duck heading for the water.





Ducklings headed over to find Mom. Notice the one straggler tagging along behind!

**WILDING  
CAGE  
PHOTO**

Ever wonder what other rehabbers create for wilding cages? Shelley Lonsdale in the Scottsbluff area, sent this photo of her frolicking raccoons.

