

Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc. Newsletter - October 2024

Helping injured, orphaned and abandoned wildlife in the state of
Nebraska since 1979.



CONGRATS TO OUR OFFICERS!

President - Cindi Arthur

Vice President - LeAnn Krause

Treasurer - Mary Beth Lienemann

Secretary - Vikki Henry

Thank you to all the members who returned their ballots!

OUTREACH

WRT will be participating in outreach events at the Prairie Hill Learning Center in Roca on Sat. Oct. 5, along with Lauritzen Gardens in Omaha on Thurs. Oct. 10.

Come visit us at the CHILDREN'S COUNTRY FAIR at 17705 S 12th St, Roca, NE 68430. 10am-2pm "FREE ADMISSION & PARKING! pony rides ~ live music ~ cakewalk ~ face painting ~ penny toss ~ pumpkin bowling ~ pin the tail ~ bake sale ~ raffle ~ food"

Our outreach helps to spread the word about what **WRT** does and sometimes we are lucky enough to get some new rehabbers from that interaction!

ACQUISITION SHEETS!

For each animal we rehab, we create an acquisition sheet with information like rescuer, species, how many we rescued, were they released, etc. We need these acquisitions by the end of the year in order to complete reports that are then given to Nebraska Game & Parks and US Fish and Wildlife. If you have them completed because the animal died or was released, please send them in so we can do them periodically instead of all at once. It saves us a lot of time at the end of the year! We already have over 900 animals in our database! Bring them to a meeting or mail to the P.O. Box in Lincoln. Thank you for your help!



NOTICE FOR OCTOBER MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 8th. Join us at 7 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington St. in Lincoln. We will plan on having our meeting outside. Bring a lawn chair! Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

GIVING TUESDAY INFO

Giving Tuesday will be Dec. 3 this year. **WRT** will be participating in that in order to continue to raise money to help us do our "jobs" to help wildlife.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Now is the time to start thinking about Member of the Year **awards**. Nominate members who have stepped up and helped when we needed it, rookies who have spent their first year rehabbing, Team Leaders who knocked it out of the ballpark in helping their Team succeed (liked during our storm intake), etc. Contact the Nominations Committee - Mary Beth, Lynne or Kim C. at Contact@wildliferescueteamincne.org.



This **beaver** was recently rescued after being found under a car in someone's driveway.

RECENT RESCUES

Speaking of acquisition sheets, we have gone through many of these lately because of the storms at the end of July. In the Omaha and Lincoln areas, we were hit with a windstorm that had hurricane-force winds! We took in over **200 squirrels** in a 24 hour period. We also took in a few bunnies and birds that were injured. Many of the squirrels were hurt because of being blown out of trees, the trees falling down, branches breaking, etc. Thank you to our team members who stepped up and helped with immediate rescues and transport! We couldn't do it without teamwork! The squirrels we rescued will be released in the next month or so. If you are rehabbing any of them, make sure you are getting them outside to become acclimated to the weather, wind, sun, etc.



DONATIONS

Thank you to:

Rena, Sharon, Breda, Mardi, Lindsey, Michelle, Adam, Kelly, Hannah, Michele, Richard, Scott, Kathy, Carolyn, Rick and Karsyn (and many more!) for their recent donations!

Did you know that you can set up recurring donations via PayPal? We have several wonderful donors who donate monthly.

REMINDERS

- **FUNDRAISING** - Collect UPC codes from “Our Family”, “Best Choice” and “Always Save” branded products. For each 500 UPC's that we send in, we receive \$25. You can find them at stores like Family Fare and Super Saver. You can send them to our P.O. Box, give them to a member or bring them to meetings. We will count them and send them in when we have a bundle. Ask your friends and family to help too. It's quick & easy!
- **VET VISITS** If you have an animal that might need a visit to a vet, contact your Team Leader first!
- **NON-PROFIT STATUS** We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit and when someone donates items to WRT, we send them a thank you letter for tax purposes. Any items, including money, that are donated need to be reported to our Treasurer and the monies turned in so that we can keep complete records.
- **NEWSLETTER INFO** If you have photos or stories to share, send them to contact@wildliferescueteamincne.org.
- If you currently receive the **newsletter** via snail mail, and you have an email address to share, please send that to us and we can save postage. We use Mailchimp to send the newsletter via email to you.



This **Yellow-shafted flicker** hit a window and needed some time to recover from his injury. If you have issues with birds hitting your windows, consider putting something like hanging plants or screens outside your windows. Or there are stickers you can purchase to put on the windows to break up that plane that makes a bird think it's smooth flying straight through your house!



WILDLIFE RESCUE NESTS

Has members who create **crocheted and knitted** nests for rehabbers. Over the years, we have had dozens of these nests donated to WRT by people who made them for us. They are great for the animals! They are washable, which makes them reusable too and makes them even softer. Follow them on Facebook. If you are talented enough to make them on your own, there are plans for various sizes and animals.

You might have seen these little chocolate candies at stores. I have bought some at Natural Grocers in Omaha. They are made by **Alterecofoods.com** - "Our compostable, recyclable and post-consumer recyclable packaging doesn't add to the problem (of filling up landfills). Agroforestry supports biodiversity and mitigates climate change. By planting a diverse mix of trees and shrubs around the cacao crop, it mimics an abundant forest ecosystem, creating long-lasting benefits for the planet." Consider snacking on these yummy treats and helping the environment at the same time!

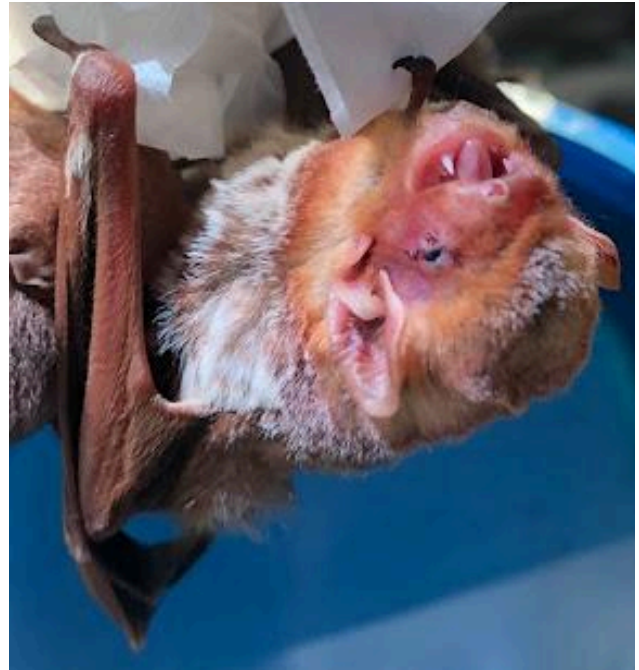


Happy Halloween from WRT to you!



At this time of year, bats start coming in from the cold. If you find one, contact WRT at 402-473-1951 for advice. It will soon be too cold to release the bats outside!
Bat Week is Oct. 24 - 31.

See batweek.org for more information.



Eastern Red Bat! See how reddish-orange his fur is compared to a Little Brown Bat which is mostly dark brown.

WANT TO HELP REHAB?

Become a member of WRT. We help train, give you supplies and the support you need to raise and release the animals in our care. We could use people all across the state of Nebraska! If you have a friend who really loves animals and would like to help, have them contact us! **402-473-1951**

We help wildlife that is orphaned and injured and release them back into the wild where they belong! If you are interested in joining WRT, contact us and we will have someone reach out to you with more information.

MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Remember that all memberships are due at the **end of March**. If you don't pay your dues you are no longer eligible to rehab wildlife. We will remind members early next year to pay their dues for 2025.

RECENT DONATIONS

We are the lucky recipients of a partnership with **Earth Breeze**, which is a company that offers laundry detergent eco sheets. Instead of purchasing a plastic jug full of mostly water at the store, these sheets come in the mail. They are like thick dryer sheets. A pack of 30 sheets can do up to 60 loads, because you can tear them in half. When consumers purchase packs of Eco Sheets, ten loads of laundry detergent are donated to nonprofits like us! Their packaging says “over 700 million plastic detergent jugs are discarded every year.” We are helping to reduce waste by purchasing products like this. There is also a fragrance-free option for the laundry detergent, along with scents like Lilac Breeze and Fresh Linen. **Find them at earthbreeze.com.**

JANE GOODALL EXHIBIT AT THE DURHAM MUSEUM IN DOWNTOWN OMAHA

“It starts with her early years as an intrepid young woman with a dream to learn about animals in Africa, to her years establishing herself as a renowned scientist in Tanzania, to her present role as an activist, mentor and advocate for creating a better world for all life on Earth. “Becoming Jane” will remain open until Oct. 13.”

WEBSITE FOR MAPS

This website <https://apps.nationalmap.gov/viewer/> shows forests, grasslands, wetlands, etc. The next time you are planning an adventure to go birding or hiking to look at local wildlife, use this to see what the area is like.

THANK YOU/GOODY BASKETS

At our December meeting, we will not have a regular meeting, but will meet in order to create and fill goody baskets for people who have helped us over the past year. Feel free to join us that night with goodies that can be placed in the baskets. Having things in small bags works really well, because that way we have a good variety for our friends. We usually create a couple dozen of them and then members volunteer to deliver them to the vets, businesses, etc. If you are able to help, bring your snacks and maybe even your favorite recipe to share!

Officers:

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Vikki Henry, Secretary

ANIMAL GROUP NAMES

Have you ever wondered what to call a group of butterflies? They are called a flutter!

Starlings - a murmuration

Hummingbirds - a charm

Cranes - a siege

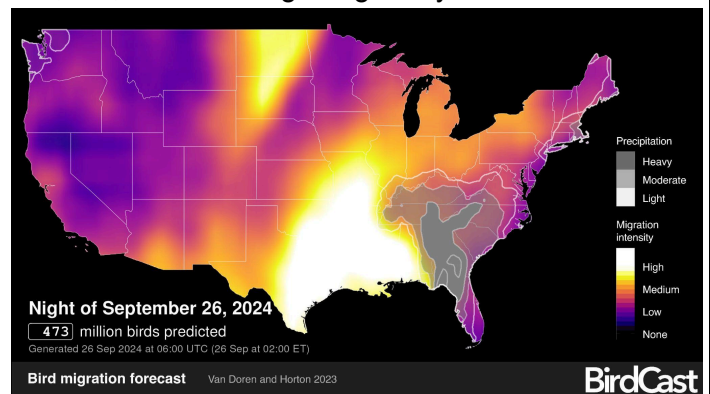
Foxes - a skulk

Geese - a flock or a team



With Fall migration here - you can see many birds flying overhead. I have seen dozens of Nighthawks lately - a group of them is called a kettle.

A great way to see local migration patterns is to check out birdcast.info. This map predicts 473,000,000 birds migrating today!



Board members:

Kim Hammeren, Pat Kelley, Lynne Knutzen-Young
and Dawn Lautenschlager
Thank you to all members who help rescue, rehab
and release!