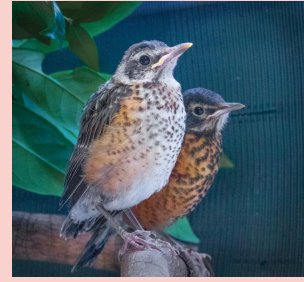


# Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release News and Updates

*This month's photo is a pair of robins, photo by Ann Westling*



February 2022

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## President's Letter

Greetings.

I am writing as the newly elected president of Wildlife Rehab and Release (WR&R). We just had our yearly elections last month, so we now have some new board members to serve the organization in 2022. We are all looking forward to another year of working at saving our valued wildlife species in need of care. Last year was a challenging year due to the Covid-19 virus limitations. Despite this, our resolute volunteers at WR&R took in 314 species of birds that were treated with many successfully released back into the wild. However, for many reasons, there are some that did not make it or were transferred to other wildlife care organizations.

I am looking forward to the upcoming season when birds and mammals start coming into our intake center in Grass Valley. I've been with this organization as a volunteer for about 12 years and have a passion for caring for each species and love to see them get treated and released back into the wild where they belong. I have had close to 48 years of experience as a professional biologist working in California and Guam, South Korea and Japan managing and protecting wildlife species populations and their habitat, with most of that time living and working in Nevada and Yuba counties.

Respectfully,  
Bruce Reinhard  
brucesre@aol.com  
Board President

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## Upcoming Events

### Board Meeting

Thursday, February 17, 6:00 PM at  
the Intake Center

### Handler Tune-up

Saturday, February 12, 1:00 PM at  
the Intake Center

### Small Mammal Training

Sunday, February 27, 2:00 PM at  
the Intake Center

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**2021 WR&R Board Members, Officers**

## Election Results

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Due to the surge in Covid cases, a full meeting was not held in January. However, people did gather safely outside the IC in order to fill in their ballots for the new Board of Directors. Welcome to the new 2022 board, listed at right.

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## IN MEMORIAM

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## and Committee Chairs

[Bruce Reinhardt](#) - President  
[Jennifer Shadd](#) - Vice-President  
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Committee Chairs:

[Karen Koskey](#) - Education Chair  
[Karen Koskey](#) - Newsletter Editor  
[Kara Baker](#) - Fundraising Coordinator

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### Some Words of Wisdom

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The Peace of Wild Things  
by Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's  
lives may be,

I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in the beauty on the water, and the  
great heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things who  
do not tax their lives with forethought of  
grief.

I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time I rest in  
the grace of the world, and am free.

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### Babies are Coming !!

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Spring is just around the corner, and that means babies. Volunteers are needed for the Intake Center, the raptor, small mammal, songbird, fundraising, and transportation teams. Upcoming trainings and contact info for the teams will be in an upcoming newsletter or event email. We'd love to have you join us in helping save wildlife. Hope to see you soon.

report that our beloved Red-Shouldered Hawk Ambassador Rusty passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on January 31, 2022. Since it was so sudden, and he had been



eating and acting normally right up until the time he fell to ground, we suspect it may be that his heart just gave out. Here is some info on Rusty from Bev Myers, who was his keeper:

He was found by two ladies from Lindsay Wildlife Museum in 2010. He was a young fledgling, walking by the side of the road. The two ladies and Lindsay Museum tried to rehabilitate him to go back out in the wild. When the next year came it was apparent he was blind in one eye and partially blind in the other. In 2012 he was transferred to Jay Sheets, a member of WR&R with an education group of his own, to share with the public. When Jay retired in 2018 he transferred Rusty to WR&R. He had a very sweet personality which made him a great education bird to show to the public.

We will all miss Rusty greatly. Fly free in Spirit Loved One.

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### Small Mammal Team

There will be a training/ meeting for the small mammal team on Feb 27 at 2:00. It will involve a general care of small mammals presentation. If you are on the small mammal team, or are interested in joining the team, please contact Paula Elliott at [pce100aolcom@yahoo.com](mailto:pce100aolcom@yahoo.com) or 530.272.5473

### Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release

Take Advantage of Amazon and Local Shopping Cards to Support  
WR&R!

Don't forget to shop with your community cards from SPD and Holiday Market. Funding comes directly back to WR&R. Also, the Amazon

Smiles program, Escrip and Goodsearch provide funding when you sign up and shop on line! [For more information](#)



**Thoughts or Comments on this Newsletter? We'd Love to Hear from You!**

If you have suggestions, articles, or pictures for this newsletter or would like to write an article, please contact [Karen Koskey](#). Thanks!

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