

Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release

To honor all the Ukrainian people fighting for their country, and their lives, the design of this newsletter will remain the same until the war is over-editor.



August 2022

From the President

July was another successful month of taking in birds and mammals at our intake center on 809 Maltman Dr. in Grass Valley. Our volunteers continue to work hard providing the initial care and treatment for all the mammals and birds coming in. We had a skunk, several squirrels, many songbirds and eight raptors come to the intake center for treatment. (Please read the article in this newsletter from our raptor team lead to get an insider view from a raptor expert.) Many of the animals and birds that came to us in July made it and are being rehabbed for eventual release. Many have already been released back into the wild where they belong. We are so grateful for those who brought animals to us.

As I mentioned last month, we could still use more volunteers. We rely on our volunteers to keep the doors open and to provide the care needed to rehab and release wildlife in need. If you decide to help as a volunteer, you will receive training by our experienced volunteers. If you encounter a mammal or bird in trouble, please give us a call. Our Intake Center is open M, T, Thurs, F, Sat, 9 AM to 3 PM until August 30.

Thank you.

Bruce Reinhardt - President
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Upcoming Events

Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 9, 3:30 PM at the Intake Center.

Volunteer Appreciation Day

2022 WR&R Board Members, Officers and Committee Chairs

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

Raptor Team

Have you ever been watching your songbirds eating at your bird feeder



when something flies by, grabs a bird and is gone before you even can see what it was? Chances are that it is a Sharp-shinned Hawk. They are fast, and ferocious. Sharp-shinned

[Bev Myers](#) - Secretary
[Julie Griffith-Flatter](#) - Treasurer
[Dr. Sam Johnson](#) - Director At Large
[Bernell Scott](#) - Director At Large
[Karen Koskey](#) - Director At Large

Committee Chairs:

[Karen Koskey](#) - Education Chair
[Karen Koskey](#) - Newsletter Editor

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Regular Board of Directors Meeting –
August

Summary of July Board Minutes

Location/Time: Grass Valley Intake
Center, called to order at 3:30 PM
by Bruce Reinhardt, Board President

Team reports submitted to board, except
squirrels, given in person by Paula
Elliott. Paula recommends with consider
rehabbing skunks next year and pay for
rabies shots for skunk rehabbers.

Publicity committee: July newsletter sent
out and posted on website.

Membership committee: getting some
new members thru website.

Volunteer Committee: still need
experienced rehab volunteers

Fundraising committee: have 2 new
members who want to be involved in
fundraising, Jenn is going to set up a
meeting.

Old business:

Still waiting on status of fed and state
permits.

Researched larger euthanasia change,
Karen got quote from Ace Welding for
\$386.53, motion made and approved for
purchase. However, Kate Papso's
nephew Todd, who is a welder, has
since made one and donated it to WRR.
Kate picked it up from Rancho Cordova.
Letter of Appeal sent out through
Constant Contact. Unkown if it has
generated any income.

New business:

Motion made and approved to purchase
thank you gifts for volunteers. Hosting a
thank you event for volunteers to be
discussed at August meeting.

WISH LIST

The Intake Center can always use a
few supplies. If you wish to donate

Hawks are pretty small, usually about the
size of a California Scrub Jay. Male
“Sharpies” are the smallest hawk in the
United States and Canada. We very
rarely get one in rehabilitation. They are
a very high stressed bird and are very
shy. In rehabilitation they have
been known to lay over dead in fright. I
have been working with raptors for 17
years now. During my first 16 years I
don't think I have seen more than 4-5 the
whole time at our Raptor Clinic. This
year alone, we have had five! They are
literally falling out of the trees! They were
all young fledglings. It has really been
exciting for us to be able to care for
these cute, little hawks with a big
attitude! Since Sharp-shinned Hawks are
so small they are easy to tell what they
are when we have them. As juvenile
birds they sometimes look a lot like a
juvenile Red-shouldered Hawk or a
Cooper's Hawk. The one thing they do
not have in common with other hawk
species is their long middle toe. Adult
Sharp-shinned Hawks usually have a
blue-gray back and wings with
rufus bars (a red-brown) on their chest.
Juveniles have brown wings and back
with streaks of brown on their chests.
Look at the pictures we have included
with this article. When they are
young their eyes are dark brown turning
yellow as they age and then have dark
red eyes as adults. (see picture below)
We have really been busy for the last
month. We have had Red-tailed Hawks,
little Western Screech Owls, Cooper's
Hawks, Great Horned Owls, Turkey
Vultures (look at our column in
the September newsletter on Turkey
Vultures) and, of course, our little
“Sharpies”. They all seemed to come in
at the same time and left at the same
time. Our “busy-season”. We have many
new volunteers on our Raptor Team as
well as several who have been with us
for a few years and they have been the
best workers! Thank you all so much!
We still need new volunteers. As our
“busy-season” slows down we will be
having some training classes. These will
probably start in September and
October. We also need to get four very
strong people to help us move some
walls, yes walls, and also some people
to help put together some caging. Please
give me a call or text or email me.
See you all soon!

Bev Myers

Raptor Team Leader

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any of the following, please bring them to the IC at 809 Maltman Drive (across from Taco Bell) Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, or Sat from 9 am to 2:30 pm through August 30th, or email Karen at kkosk6565@gmail.com.

Thank you:

Kleenex

Toilet paper

Food Storage bags, quart and gallon size

Small cardboard boxes (smaller than shoe box size)

Gift Certificates from pet stores, feed stores, or hardware stores.

And, as always, we can use \$\$\$.

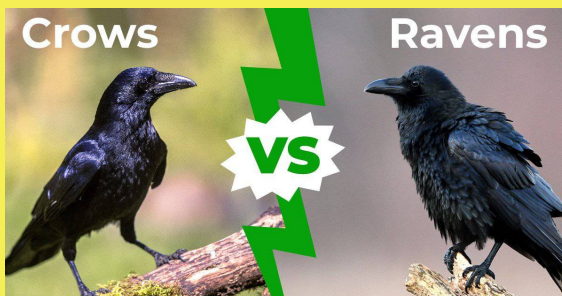
You can donate directly to us on our website:

<http://www.cawildlife911.org> through Paypal or with a credit card.

We are also looking for some land, with power and water to the site, and maybe a building or two, for wildlife care. If you know of some land that might work for our purpose, please contact our president, Bruce Reinhardt, at brucesre@aol.com

JUST FOR FUN

Ever wondered how to tell the difference between a crow and a raven? Click [here](#).



Intake Center

Intakes have slowed down at the Center.

Usually, we have an influx of baby birds and squirrels in July, when the second



round of babies are born. However, we have received very few nestlings or baby squirrels last month. This may be due to the extremely hot weather, and birds and squirrels may not be having more babies. It could also be because people are not out and about in the heat, so are not finding critters. Or, best case scenario, nobody is getting injured or orphaned. Whatever the reason, there have been few intakes this month. The Intake Center will be closing at the end of August. You can still call the hotline number if you find wildlife in need, and they will direct you on who to call. For squirrels and raptors, someone on that team will call you back. For Songbirds, you can take them to Gold Country Wildlife Rescue in Auburn. They are open year round.

Remember Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release in your Estate Giving Plans

Legacy gifts make a lasting difference and demonstrate your commitment to serving our local wildlife. Your gifts serve as an inspiration for the next generation. Wildlife is one of our

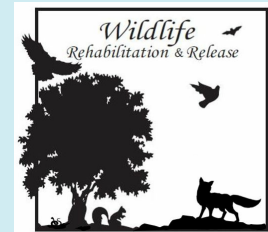


most precious gifts in these beautiful foothills. We are committed to ensuring their care when they need us. Help us help our little feathered and furry friends. Every dollar you donate goes directly to helping our critters. We rely largely on volunteers for our rehabilitation efforts. Thank you for considering a donation from your estate, ensuring you are remembered as a benevolent friend to wildlife.

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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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(Be sure to check out our new and improved website, complete with educational videos)

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