

Welcome to

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"The newsletter helping you follow your Wild Instincts."



Welcome 2013!!

It's January again already. That means it must be time to reflect on the year leaving and look to what lies ahead.

What a year 2012 turned out to be! We worked feverishly to get the building finished enough to function from by the beginning of May. It was close, but we did it. The porta-potty left the parking lot and all operations moved inside. Spring interns did as much construction as animal care. As the days progressed, we became more of the rehab facility we envisioned. Enclosures were constructed thanks to many donors and hard-working volunteers and interns. Even with all this construction we treated 564 patients of 98 different species from 28 different counties with an overall success rate of 74.87%. Our rescue/transport drivers drove over 6725 miles to help injured or orphaned wildlife. Volunteers logged in approximately 600 hours helping construct, feed, clean and do whatever needed to be done. Here's to 2013 being as wonderful!

Upcoming Fundraiser

On Saturday, January 19th, Sackett's Bar in downtown Rhinelander is having a meat raffle with the proceeds to benefit Wild Instincts. There will be live music by Mark Wayne. Activities start at 7:30 p.m. Mark your calendars. We hope to see you there!



Setting up the silent auction.

Beat a Bear to Feed a Bear HUGE SUCCESS!

It was PACKED in [Cross Country Bar & Grill](#) in Rhinelander on December 16th for the Green Bay Packers vs. Chicago Bears game. Owners Lisa & Eric generously decided to host a fundraiser for Wild Instincts at their beautiful establishment.



Standing room only during the Beat a Bear to Feed a Bear Event at Cross Country Bar & Grill.

It was an afternoon packed full of football fun, raffles, auctions, games, good food and great friends! Over 40 large platters of cookies were sold in the bake sale, most of the sales before the event even started! When it was all over it was a win-win. The Packers beat the Bears and over \$4000 was raised. Woo HOO! ☺



Some of the many items to be raffled.

To keep things in perspective, though, remember it costs about \$3000 to raise a bear to release. We can't sit on our laurels just yet. There's always more work to do.

Follow us on [facebook](#) for up-to-date photos and stories.

We're TWO!!

On Jan 25th, 2011, Wild Instincts was incorporated. On Jan 28th, 2011, 17 acres was purchased to house the new wildlife rehabilitation center. We've been working ever since thanks to great people like you! You deserve a pat on the back (or two!).



In Their Own Words

Mark Naniot
Director of Rehabilitation

When we decided to start Wild Instincts two years ago there were a lot of things we knew. We knew it would be difficult. We knew we would be working 10-16 hour days, 7 days a week. We knew every day would be a financial struggle. We knew for the most part, it would be Us against The Odds. We knew the animals would come, along with the demands for caging, food, and medical supplies. We knew every day would bring a new challenge. We also knew that we have the passion, desire and experience to give hundreds of wild animals each year a second chance. All this we knew going in and we were still determined to give it our all, even if we were in this alone and by ourselves.

What we didn't know was the unbelievable amount of support that would come from so many. Every time a crisis would come up, some wonderful person or organization would magically appear with the solution-whether it was supplies, manual labor or donations of money. When we needed it most, somehow someone would make it possible. We have been so humbled by the outpouring of support from so many that we can't even begin to tell you. We have met many wonderful people that share our passion for wildlife. We thank you all so much for your support and will continue to build enclosures, rescue wildlife, educate the public and give the utmost quality of care to the wildlife of the Northwoods.

We didn't know if we could make it or if we could find enough support but we knew we had to try.

Now, thanks to all of you wonderful people, there is one more thing we know: we are not in this alone.

Thanks to all of you for your support to help us help them.

Winter time Activities

In wildlife rehab in the Northwoods, there are two main seasons: Baby Season and Getting Ready for Baby Season.

This winter we find ourselves with a larger than normal patient load and over-wintering more animals than normal.

This means we have a little less time to be spending on winter construction, further organizing, researching/writing grants, and taking time for ourselves to regroup before the spring onslaught but we're making the most of it.

We have already received some quality intern applications and will be starting interviews for spring internships in the next couple weeks.

Want to see one of the patients we're overwintering enjoy breakfast? Click [HERE](#).

Some Recent Releases

This Great Horned Owl was hit by a car on October 13, 2012 unbeknownst to the driver. When she arrived at work someone saw this owl hanging upside down from her grill! Wild Instincts was called and Mark went and extracted the bird from the grill. She had injuries down to the bone on her wrists from dragging on the pavement during her "car ride".



The recovered Great Horned Owl in the pre-release enclosure.

She recovered fully and on November 30, 2012, in the presence of the driver of the vehicle and family, she was released!



Great Horned Owl seconds before freedom. No more car rides for her!

Click [HERE](#) for the video of a recent bald eagle release.

In Honor of/In Memory of

Donations have been received
~ In memory of Mary Garton
~ In honor of Joel & Kathy Furda
~ In memory of Elmer Curby
~ In honor of Marsha Jones' sister & brother-in-law
~ In honor of Kathleen Hilgers

In the News

Did you miss the December TV Channel 7 story on Wild Instincts? To watch it click [HERE](#).

WISH LIST

For a complete wish list, please visit our website's wish list by clicking [HERE](#).

- Garden Tractor with snow blower*
- Chain link fencing
- 1 1/2" steel pipe *
- Fence poles*
- Good Used Pick-up Truck*
- Whole fish
- Frozen venison*
- Dry dog food
- Canned dog food
- Paper towels*
- Dish soap
- Hand soap
- Sheets/blankets/towels
- Unsalted Walnuts
- Unsalted Pecans
- Cash Donations
- Gas Cards
- Treated 2x4 and 2x6
- Stepladders (6', 8', 10', 12', 16')

*there is a pressing need for these items!



Sheds from the Eastern Fox Snake being overwintered. Look how much it grew in a month!

Another Way to Donate

Wild Instincts is able to receive donations of high-yield stocks for liquidation for funding projects and operations.

This is how the 2012 Internship Program was funded.

If you would like the tax benefit of donating stock instead of donating cash, please contact us at 715-362-9453 (WILD) or sharon@wildinstinctsrehab.com .

Species	1/1/12-12/31/12
American Crow	3
American Goldfinch	13
American Robin	37
American Toad	1
American Woodcock	3
Bald Eagle	16
Baltimore Oriole	2
Barred Owl	4
Beaver	1
Belted Kingfisher	3
Big Brown Bat	3
Black Bear	16
Black-billed Cuckoo	1
Black-capped Chickadee	8
Blue Jay	7
Blue-winged Teal	1
Bobcat	4
Bohemian Waxwing	1
Broad-winged Hawk	2
Brown Thrasher	1
Brown-headed Cowbird	1
Canada Goose	13
Cedar Waxwing	5
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1
Chipping Sparrow	4
Cliff Swallow	1
Common Grackle	6
Common Loon	10
Common Merganser	2
Common Nighthawk	1
Common Raven	3
Common Redpoll	2
Deer Mouse	9
Downy Woodpecker	1
Eastern Bluebird	1
Eastern Chipmunk	1
Eastern Cottontail	64
Eastern Fox Snake	1
Eastern Garter Snake	1
Eastern Gray Squirrel	51

Eastern Painted Turtle	2	Rough-legged Hawk	1
Eastern Phoebe	7	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	6
European Starling	3	Ruffed Grouse	4
Flying Squirrel (northern/southern combined)	1	Sandhill Crane	4
Gray Fox	4	Snapping Turtle	3
Great Blue Heron	3	Song Sparrow	5
Great Horned Owl	4	Swainson's Thrush	1
Green-backed Heron	1	Trumpeter Swan	2
Hairy Woodpecker	6	Veery	1
Hooded Merganser	3	Virginia Opossum	3
Horned Grebe	1	Western Painted Turtle	3
House Sparrow	7	White-crowned Sparrow	1
House Wren	2	White-tailed Deer	29
Killdeer	1	White-throated Sparrow	3
Little Brown Bat	4	White-winged Crossbill	1
Mallard Duck	11	Wild Turkey	1
Merlin	1	Wood Turtle	2
Mink	1	Woodchuck	5
Mourning Dove	13	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	6
Northern Flicker	10	Yellow-rumped Warbler	1
Northern Saw-Whet Owl	2	Total	564
Northern Water Snake	1		
Ovenbird	3		
Pileated Woodpecker	3		
Pine Grosbeak	7		
Pine Siskin	2		
Porcupine	7		
Purple Finch	4		
Raccoon	32		
Red Crossbill	2		
Red Fox	1		
Red Squirrel	4		
Red-eyed Vireo	4		
Red-headed Woodpecker	1		
Red-tailed Hawk	8		
Ring-billed Gull	2		
Rock Dove	7		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2		



The little bobcat isn't so little any more!

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Us Help Them!**

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Spring 2013!!

It's time to start gearing up for the babies. The eagles are starting to defend territories, great horned owl babies are hatched, gray squirrels are about to be born and interns are hired!

Another ritual of preparing for baby season each spring is Raptor Rescue & Transport Driver Training.

Our Animal Ambulance crew is an integral part of Wild Instincts. Last year our drivers drove over 6725 miles to help our wild friends.

We never know where an animal in need may be, but because we have such a dedicated group of drivers, we can send someone most places for transport. Because we have so many drivers, we have a better chance of being able to pick up the phone and find someone, preferably fairly close to the animal in need, who is available to go get it and bring it to us. Our intake last year was from 28 counties.

Having a team of volunteer drivers allows animals to get to help quickly without taking us away from the animals that need care on site.

If you're interested in more information on joining our team of drivers, attend one of the two driver trainer sessions coming up or call us.

Raptor Rescue & Transport Driver Training:

Thursday, March 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 23, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

www.wildinstinctsrehab.com

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4621 Apperson Dr., Rhinelander, WI 54501

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Meat Raffle

Many hardy souls braved the blustery sub-zero temps to get to Sackett's Bar in Rhinelander on Jan 19th for a meat raffle. Owners Chris & Bob Sackett generously decided to host a meat raffle to benefit Wild Instincts.



Despite sub-zero, blustery weather conditions, it was standing room only at Sackett's Bar



Ham, brats, pork loin, stuffed pork chops, shrimp and more made up a single prize one could win with a single ticket!

Because of the kindness of people, \$380 was raised for the purchase of tools off the wish list.



The tools from our Wish List purchased with the proceeds from the meat raffle at Sackett's Bar.

In addition, many big-hearted people went beyond and above and donated back items they won to Wild Instincts. Our Volunteer Pot Luck dinner was pork loin donated from this raffle. Thank you all!

Gus Hawthorne Foundation

The [Gus Hawthorne Foundation](#) is a group in Oregon passionate about animals and their well-being. They have come together to apply their talents and resources to support non-profit organizations that rescue and care for domestic animals and wildlife. Wildlife of the Northwoods is a benefactor of this incredible group's generosity. Wild Instincts was awarded one of their 12 grants for 2013 allowing us to purchase lead testing equipment so we may test for lead poisoning in house.



Our new lead analyzer made possible by Gus Hawthorne Foundation

Lead poisoning from lead sinkers, fishing lures, and even lead shot is a huge problem for eagles, loons, swans and other waterfowl. Read more about lead poisoning in wildlife [HERE](#).

Now we'll have no more delays waiting for lab results to return. We will be able to provide appropriate treatment immediately. Thank you, Gus Hawthorne Foundation, for helping us help them!

Lead poisoning is preventable. Use nontoxic shot and lead-free fishing tackle.

In Their Own Words

Jan Zindel & Carol Hartman
Long-term Raptor Rescue Drivers

Rescue and Transport Drivers are specially trained volunteers working under the authority of our permits. These volunteers play a vital role in our success by not only helping animals get here safely, but allowing us to concentrate on the animals already here in care. Let's hear from a couple of our Rescue Drivers.

You've been a Rescue Driver working under the authority of Mark's permit for a long time. How many years has it been?

Jan: You know I'm not sure, perhaps ten years or so, perhaps a bit more. I started out as a transport driver then became a rescue driver when training in catching/handling raptors became available. I go back early each spring for a "refresher"

at rescue driver training. When the phone rings, and I see "Wild Instincts" on the screen, I never know what I'll be sent out for. It might be a songbird, rabbit, squirrel, chipmunk, bat, or perhaps an eagle, hawk, owl, goose, loon, turkey vulture, or fawn. Whatever it is, if it needs to get to the rehab facility, I go.

Carol: 13

In all those years have you ever thought about not doing it anymore? Why or why not?

J: Yes, I did have one year when I was very tempted to tell Mark I couldn't continue. That year, every bird or animal I was sent out for either died in transit, or had to be put down when it arrived as the injuries were just too severe. It was a very sad year for me. Most often though, there are many critters that are able to be treated and released, and some that are too badly injured. I had to remind myself that year that Mark, Sharon, and their interns have a wonderful success rate every year, and they really make a difference. Visiting the facility, reading the Wild Instincts Facebook page, newsletters, blog, and website enable drivers, volunteers, and supporters to see the many successes.

C: Never thought about quitting. If I get the call to rescue a critter in distress, I jump at the chance.

Tell us about a couple of your more memorable rescue adventures (funniest, most heartbreaking, craziest situation, weirdest people...whatever).

J: Looking back, the rescue of a Great Blue Heron was a bit comical, though it didn't seem so right then. It was over on Lake Minocqua, down at the lake level below the parking lot/commercial area along Hwy.

51. Something told me that day to take my kids with me, technically not allowed unless 18 or over, but I had a feeling I would need some help. And no, I never put my kids in danger; they were there to be extra hands, to bring the container, get the lid on, and on this particular day to help corral the critter. The heron had an injured wing and was not able to fly, but its legs worked fine and we soon found it could very handily climb a flight of stairs! Those stairs led up to parking lots of businesses along that stretch of very busy highway. We quickly followed, and saw it was heading for the highway. No! We were able to "herd" it towards the back of the parking lot and it chose to take refuge inside a bit of decorative split rail fencing. Wouldn't you know? People in the realtor's office noticed us and came out concerned we were harassing the heron. I quickly explained why I was there and who had sent me, they went back inside, and I returned to our rescue effort. With the heron cornered, my oldest daughter dropped a folded sheet over it. I picked it up, tucked it under my arm like a football, and headed back down to the car to tuck it into a bin for the drive to Mark. The thing to remember with Great Blue Herons is keep that beak pointed away from you and your face!

Another time I was sent out to get a turkey vulture that had been on the ground near a shed for a couple days. After arriving, I got the bin out, had a container ready, gloves on. I quietly approached the bird, dropped a sheet over it, picked it up, and tucked it into the bin, all without incident. After arriving, Mark asked if there had been any problems. No, all went well. That was when Mark asked me if I knew what a turkey vulture's defense is. No, what? They PUKE on you, a lot and very stinky. LOL, that's when I told him it would have been nice to know that ahead of time! Mark has a sense of humor.

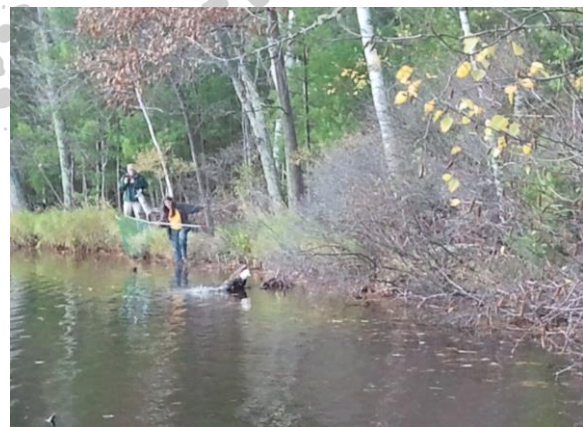
One of the saddest was when I was sent out for a fox, or coyote. When I arrived I found a fox, next to a little used road, totally drenched after 2+ days of rain. Its back was broken, probably hit by a car and left for dead. When I approached, it tried to crawl away using its front legs, the back legs paralyzed. The man who had called agreed to help me lift it into the bin. After covering its head with a sheet, I gave the man leather gloves to put on and asked if he would take the back end, put my welders gloves on, and said I would take "the biting end," and we needed to keep the fox as flat and still as possible. The fox stayed calm and after it was in the bin I removed the sheet from its head, put the lid on, and prepared to leave. The memory of those big eyes watching me from inside the bin are burned into my memory; one of the sad endings.

Once in a great while you might be sent out to be diplomatic. An older couple was very concerned about an eagle that had been on the ground on their property for hours. Mark had explained that sometimes when an eagle eats, it gorges so much it can't fly for awhile. That explanation did not allay their worries, so Mark called and asked if I could go over and check on the eagle. I slowly drove up the driveway, spotting the eagle on the ground, got out of my car and quietly peered around the corner of my car. Well, the eagle was watching, too, and apparently decided it wasn't going anywhere with me! After some flapping, it was airborne and joined its mate overhead. The older couple invited me inside their home, telling me about the pair of eagles nesting in a tree at the edge of the lakeshore in front of their home, which gave me the opportunity to explain to them about eagles and their eating habits, and that the eagle would be fine. They were very thankful someone had made the trip over. I am always thankful there are people who care enough to call the wildlife rehab

facility to report wildlife they think need help.

C: The call came in for a hummingbird caught in a window screen. Sure enough, there it was with its beak stuck in the screen and barely responding, with perhaps some leg injury. After carefully removing it, I wondered if I couldn't try giving it some sugar water to stabilize it before making the hour long trip to Wild Instincts. I called Mark and he said to do this. At first the hummer didn't respond, but after finally receiving a few drops of sugar water on its tongue it slowly started to take more. I called Mark again and he said to put it in a shoebox with a screen over the top so it could see daylight and to continue feeding it every 15 minutes. It started to perch and was eager to take more food. Called mark again with the good progress report and he said to release it before it got dark.

Although this rescue wasn't as exciting as some other more challenging ones, i.e. eagles, it gave me much satisfaction in knowing I gave "Ruby" a second chance. As a rescuer you will stop your car to help a turtle cross the road, drag a deer carcass off the road so an eagle might not get hit by a car, check a dead opossum in the road to see if it is carrying young, or see something else that alerts you a critter is in need of your help. Your knowledge of wildlife is enhanced with every opportunity to do a rescue.

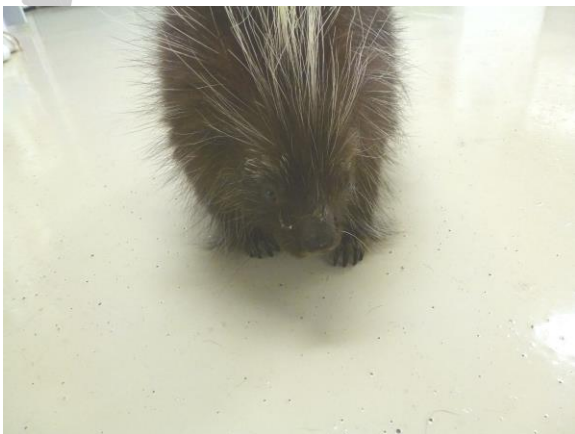


This eagle rescue required wading with nothing more than tennis shoes and jeans...in October!

What's the most difficult thing about being a Rescue Driver?

J: When we are sent out we do not know what condition the animal is in until we arrive. It is heartbreaking to arrive and find a fawn or other animal so badly injured that, even without any medical training, you know nothing can be done to help it. In those cases, I have to remind myself that putting it down is more humane than what could happen to it if left in the wild. The other is knowing or hearing an animal is in distress (such as having seizures) while being transported, and there is nothing I can do to help except get it to the rehab facility safely so the people with expertise and training can immediately give the help needed.

C: It is very frustrating to not be able to locate the critter once I get there. I hate leaving a needy animal behind. Also, knowing that sometimes it just isn't possible to give "MY" critter a second chance and the best thing to do is to let it go from this life.



This little porcupine is suffering from malnutrition after being kept by and improperly fed by someone for 3 months, then transported to us by one of our dedicated drivers.

What's the best thing about being a Rescue Driver?

J: I love the variety of wildlife we have here in this area, and being a Rescue Driver allows me help; to make a contribution to the sick or injured wildlife. We are so very fortunate to have Wild Instincts, Mark & Sharon, the interns, and the many volunteers in our area to give back to Nature, to our Northwoods, for all the pleasure I have experienced living in the WI Northwoods for the past 20 years!

C: Love the challenge of assessing and completing a successful rescue...knowing I can make a difference in the life of an injured animal. Enjoy interaction with people, sharing what I know about their particular animal's circumstance and introducing them to Wild Instincts.

How far do you typically go for a rescue?

J: I would estimate 85 miles (from my home, to the critter, then to Wild Instincts) is about average. I'm willing to drive quite a distance. Living in Conover, I'm sent to Land O' Lakes, Phelps, Eagle River, but have also been sent up into the U.P., and down to the Antigo area, when no one else in those areas has been available.

C: Living 65 miles North of Wild Instincts, I mostly cover areas to the Michigan border, Hurley, Mercer, Manitowish Waters, Presque Isle, Land O' Lakes, etc. heading down to Newbold. Travel time can be two to three hours.

Do you have any advice for anyone thinking about becoming a Wild Instincts Rescue Driver?

J: First, attend one or two driver training sessions.

If you're interested in rescue driving and not just transport driving, you'll need to be in decent physical shape. There are times when something doesn't want to be caught

and you need to calmly pursue it. Other times you may be sent out to look for something and have to walk/climb up and down across less than ideal terrain, or through brush and woods to locate, catch it, and get it back to your vehicle.

You need to be calm when approaching the critters. I expect they can sense fear or nervousness. Move slowly; get their head or body covered with a sheet. They are less likely to struggle or get away from you. Most of the time, the person/persons you are meeting up with are happy to see you, occasionally a bit upset because of their concern for the animal. Only once was a man angry when I arrived, because the eagle died before I could get there. I had to explain if the eagle was so badly injured it passed away before I could arrive, even if I had arrived 15 minutes earlier, it would have died before I could get it to Wild Instincts.

Practical advice would be to have at least 3-4 containers ready at all times, all with a lot of air holes. Clear plastic bins work well, did I mention LOTS of air holes in the bin and the lid, and bungee cords to keep them closed. I keep a bag packed with the bungee cords, leather gloves, welder's gloves, scissors, Germ-X, my Wild Instincts folder with forms and information. In spring and summer, I often keep a couple containers and my bag in my car so I can be on my way quickly when I receive a call.



An American Badger transported to Wild Instincts by a Rescue Driver.

Each year I pick up new Vilas and Oneida County maps from the chamber offices, and I have a GPS which has been helpful. Also a cell phone in case you need to reach where you are being sent to. You will also need a stack of bed sheets. The thrift store is a good place to pick them up inexpensively. A good flashlight is handy at dusk or after dark. Wear good sneakers or boots, not sandals.

Every year Wild Instincts issues the drivers an ID card, something I always carry with me, but I always wear a Wild Instincts t-shirt or sweatshirt on every run I am sent on, as the shirts immediately identify me as the driver they are waiting for.

Being a Rescue Driver is a very rewarding experience and one I highly recommend.

C: If you enjoy a challenge, have a love and respect for ALL critters, then go for it. You will be rewarded in many ways.

Follow us on [facebook](#) for up-to-date photos and stories.

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Donations have been received
~ In Honor of Geri Zeibert

MEET RUBY

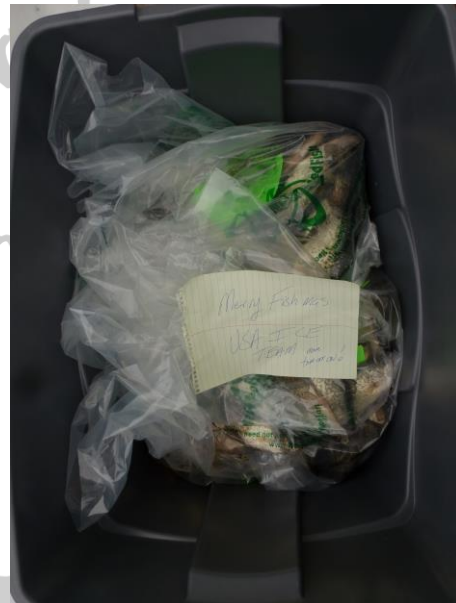
On Aug 27, 2013, a first year red-tailed hawk arrived at Wild Instincts. Members of the public had kept her for about a week after finding her. She was malnourished and had an injury to her left eye. It soon became apparent she would lose that eye and her release was doubtful. We attempted pre-release training with her, but she was never able to feed herself without special concessions. She is not able to be released. She is, however, able to be a wonderful ambassador for other wildlife. She is now Wild Instincts first official education bird.

The scientific name of red-tailed hawk is *Buteo jamaicensis*. Her name is a twist of the combination of common & scientific names. She's a RED-tailed hawk and JAMAicensis is her species. A ruby is a RED GEM. Yeah, stretching things a bit, but it's easy for everyone to pronounce.



Ruby, our Red-tailed Hawk used for education programs.

She is already turning into a very nice program bird. We think she'll be very popular.



Special thanks to the anglers continuing to donate fish. The Pine Lake Fire Dept donated the catch from their Department Fisheree and the USA Ice Team donated from several of their tournaments. Wild Instincts goes through about 2000 pounds of fish every year, depending on patient load.

If you like to fish, but hate cleaning them, our patients would LOVE to help with that

problem. You catch them, bring them in to us and our patients will clean them off their feeding trays ☺

Total

26

WISH LIST and AMAZON

We have a complete [Wish List](#) on our website and continue to be humbled by how many generous supporters we have out there looking out for us.

We get many requests for clarifications of things listed, however. To make it easier for all, including those who want to help but may not be in the immediate local area, we also now have an [Amazon Wish List](#).

We will keep general things on the wish list on our webpage, but if you're looking for specific items we may need, our Amazon Wish/List Registry will link to more specific items to purchase and have shipped to us. Items from either list will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for helping us help them.

Some items from our wish list:

- ~Rubbermaid totes
- ~bench vise
- ~storage shed

Species 1/1-3/7/13

American Badger	1
Bald Eagle	1
Barred Owl	1
Big Brown Bat	3
Black Bear	1
Bobcat	2
Common Redpoll	2
Eastern Cottontail	1
Eastern Gray Squirrel	1
Great Horned Owl	1
Hairy Woodpecker	1
Mourning Dove	2
Pine Grosbeak	1
Porcupine	2
Red-tailed Hawk	1
Snapping Turtle	1
Western Fox Snake	1
Western Painted Turtle	1
White-tailed Deer	1
White-winged Crossbill	1



Look closely and you can see the deer hair stuck in this female eagle's talons.

Early Spring Road Hazards

Now that the promise of spring is here in the Northwoods, well, the sun is higher in the sky and the days are longer, anyway; receding snow is exposing winter's long hidden road kill. This certainly isn't appealing to us, but it's very appealing to scavengers.

Eagles feed on deer carcasses along the road shoulders. Often they gorge themselves so much, it's difficult for them to become airborne. Many times they can't quite clear the lane of traffic and the oncoming car and are struck by vehicles. Be alert if you see dead animals near the roadside. There may also be live animals you need to watch out for.



Our new, awesome sign.

On The Map

Let's hear a big round of applause to a very wonderful donor who donated the funds for our sign. We now have a sign on Highway 47 that will not only allow people to find us, but will spread the word about Wild Instincts to people just casually driving along the highway.

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Wild Baby Season

This has been a wild baby season...in more ways than one! We have been keeping all of our interns, Mark, Sharon and some volunteers busy and even busier. We've remarked several times we don't know how we managed to keep up with patients and do some enclosure construction last year with one less intern.

The fact our patient load this year is running ahead of last year may have something to do with it.

We've admitted 284 to 6/30/13 compared to 258 to the same date last year. Not only have we had more admissions, the delayed spring kept things postponed and then instead of arriving in a normal fashion, everything arrived at once!

Chief Steve Fritz Memorial Poker Run

The weather for the day of the Chief Steve Fritz Memorial Poker run was definitely against us with rain on & off not only during the ride, but during the music/raffles as well.



Dedicated motorcycle enthusiasts line up for lunch

It didn't matter to 50 bike enthusiasts who rode in the rain and then listened to great music in the rain afterwards.

The Newbold Fire Department went above and beyond allowing lunch to be held in the fire barn. They also provided Newbold Fire Dept. volunteers to set up for and clean up after lunch.



Participants enjoyed Ruby, our red-tailed hawk, who made an appearance during lunch.

It was inspiring to see how Newbold, Pine Lake, Pelican, Rothschild as well as other volunteer fire departments as far away as

Florida helped support a firefighter brother by donating to the CSFMPR which in turn benefitted Wild Instincts.

Participants had fun despite the weather and are all ready looking forward to next year's event.

The event raised \$3000.00.

Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin

The [Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin](#) connects generations to the wonders of Wisconsin's lands, waters and wildlife through conservation, education, engagement and giving. We had the privilege of having some of them for a visit during one of their field trips. Thanks to Jeremy Holtz, WDNR Wildlife Biologist, for bringing such a knowledgeable, diverse group to learn about wildlife rehabilitation.



Baby river otter

Remember the cute little baby river otter? She and her foster sister are in their outside pond enclosure now. Clicking [HERE](#) will take you to a video of them catching their first crayfish.



1-day old Eastern Gray Squirrel admitted July 9th

Year of the Loon

This has been a busy few weeks for Common Loon admissions here at Wild Instincts. Here are just a few of the loon cases:

On June 16th an adult loon was found with yards of braided Dacron fishing line hanging out of its mouth.



Look closely and you can see the remaining fishing line in this loon's mouth (Look under the eye)

X-rays revealed not just one, but two fishing hooks similar to what is referred to as a walleye rig. It was unclear as to whether there was also a sinker which could be a source of fatal lead poisoning. The hooks were already deep into the proventriculus which would have made their removal impossible in recent history.



X-ray of the two hooks in the loon.

This time, however, history was made in a ground-breaking procedure. Northwoods Animal Hospital had just received an endoscope unit donated from Marshfield Clinic in Minocqua. It was immediately decided this loon would be the first patient to benefit from this new equipment.

On June 21st, Dr. Mike Franks, a gastroenterologist with Marshfield Clinic, donated his time and expertise to instruct Dr. Dave Theuerkauf, DVM at Northwoods Animal Hospital on the procedure.

By the time the endoscopy took place, the hooks and line had migrated together into a ball. It was easily found, hooks cut and removed. The whole procedure took about 10 minutes. Follow up x-rays showed there was no sinker.

Intern Maggie, who was technically off that day, tagged along with Mark to video-taped the ground-breaking procedure. You can click [HERE](#) if you're interested in seeing the inside of a live loon.

That loon was released two days later.



Mark Naniot, Dr. Dave Theuerkauf and Dr. Mike Franks with loon after the first successful loon endoscopy in the Northwoods.

On July 5th another adult loon was admitted with signs of severe lead poisoning. It was extremely critical. Its blood lead level was so high our analyzer couldn't read it. We took it Northern Paws Animal Hospital for immediate x-rays which revealed a sinker. On the way back to Wild Instincts, Mark was calling Dr. Dave asking about the possibility of another endoscopy procedure. Unfortunately, Dr. Franks was out of town and there hadn't been enough time to adequately train Dr. Dave to do the procedure without him. It would have to wait until after the weekend.

Sharon placed a photo of the loon on our Facebook page. Dr. Franks' sister saw it and alerted Dr. Franks who was in Chicago. At 8:00 p.m. Friday, July 5th, Dr. Franks called to check on the loon. When he was told it was extremely critical, he made some phone calls and enlisted the help of another Marshfield Clinic surgeon, Dr. Tim Phillips.



Loon with in critical condition with severe lead poisoning

Dr. Stephanie, the Northwoods Animal Hospital vet on call, met Mark & Dr. Phillips at the vet clinic at 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 5th for an emergency loon endoscopy.

Unfortunately, this loon passed away on the table just as the toxic lead sinker was being grabbed. Despite the undesirable outcome, the willingness of all involved in this gallant effort is nothing short of remarkable!

Now for the loon orphans:



Very tiny day- old common loon chick

This day-old loon chick weighing only 69 grams was admitted on July 9th. Loon chicks in Northern Wisconsin hatch out at around 94 grams. Unfortunately, this tiny one did not make it.

A week-old loon chick was admitted shortly after. We contacted our loon researcher friends. After some discussion and checking, we were pretty sure we knew which lake this wayward chick was from and who its parents were, but we were not sure why it was by itself. Sometimes they get separated during a storm, but there hadn't been any. Sometimes rival loons or even siblings can drive off chicks. Because we were not sure why it wasn't with its family, we all decided to find it a new family. This is very risky as loons are extremely territorial and have been known to kill chicks not their own; even young chicks will kill other chicks. Thanks to the crew at [The Loon Project](#), we were able to locate a family with a chick of about the same age. Kristin and Jackie with The Loon Project took our chick to one of their monitored loon families. We held our breath. The chick was accepted. Big sigh of relief.

If this is so risky, one may ask why we would even try it. Loons as a rule don't do well in captivity so raising them or keeping them for long periods is risky in itself. Also, our goal is to get animals back to the wild with the best possible chances of surviving. Try as we might, we cannot teach a loon to be a loon. We cannot duplicate the complicated vocalizations, body language and behavior of an actual loon. Wild loon families can do that. This situation is the best of the best because this family is monitored by the research group every few days so we can keep an eye on what transpires. Since the introduction, the chick separated from the family for a bit and then returned to it. It will continue to be monitored and if need be we can intervene.



Two-day old Killdeer chick. He and his sibling were successfully released to wild foster parents.

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Baby short-tailed weasel. It weighed the same as a quarter in your change purse when it arrived.

Is Your Tackle Box Hiding a Killer?

Our lead analyzer, made possible by a grant from the [Gus Hawthorne Foundation](#), is getting overworked!

It seems like we are running lead tests on loons and eagles several times a week. If we're lucky we can catch it early enough like with the two eagles we are currently treating for lead poisoning.

Lead sinkers are death sentences for many animals, especially loons and eagles. Eagles get lead poisoning mostly from bioaccumulation. Eating lots of ducks and fish that have lead in them accumulates in the eagle and causes lead poisoning.

Loons ingest small rocks and gravel to help grind up their food. Lead sinkers mix in with the gravel and actually grind away releasing lead into the loon.

Encourage all your friends to use lead-free fishing tackle. Give it as gifts. It's readily available and can save lives.

Also make sure you retrieve any fishing line and make every attempt to recover any lost fishing lures and hooks. We see way too many birds entangled in fishing line. Many times the line entangles the bird and prevents them from being able to get food. Eagles can trail fishing line, get snagged on power lines and transformers and be electrocuted.



This week-old American Kestrel and its 4 siblings were saved by a crew replacing utility poles. Seeing the hole in the pole, they used their boom truck to gently lower it to the ground. Finding the nest, they carefully cross-cut the section out and brought the entire thing to us. Way to go M.J. Electric!

THANK YOU

Special thanks to the staff & patrons of [Flyin' Finn](#) for again including us in donation raffles they held at their establishment. It is always a welcome surprise and very much appreciated. Also a special thanks to Susie C. She's a student who gave up her month of June to sleep on an air mattress and volunteer to clean poop (and some other things). She rocks!



Susie gets to handle Ruby for the first time.

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Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRAs Help You AND Wild Instincts

Many taxpayers who receive taxable distributions also contribute to charitable organizations. Individuals who are at least 70 ½ by the end of 2013 may exclude up to \$100,000 from a traditional or Roth IRA that would otherwise be included in income. This qualified charitable distribution can satisfy your annual required minimum distribution from your IRA. Please consult with your tax advisor if you are interested in helping Wild Instincts in this manner.

Turtle Attacks

There have been a number of very disturbing attacks on turtles this year all across the state. The vicious June 10th attack of a snapping turtle at the Delavan Golf Course made national news. It appears she was beaten to death with a golf club. There is still a \$10,500 reward being offered for information in that open case. Wild Instincts admitted a snapping turtle on June 22nd that had been beaten with a skateboard in Bukolt Park in Stevens Point. She suffered severe head trauma in addition

to shell damage. She is still in critical condition and prognosis is unknown.



Some of the damage done by a senseless skateboard attack.

At this time to our knowledge, the investigation into her beating is also still on-going.

Let's Talk Turkey

On June 26th, a couple drove to Stevens Point and back after a family member accidentally ran over a wild turkey nest while doing some commercial mowing. They retrieved four eggs which we incubated here at Wild Instincts.

On July 11th, three of the four hatched. The fourth egg never fully developed.

One of the three was born with a birth defect and died a short time later. The other two are doing very well.

If you'd like to watch a video of them catching crickets at five days of age click [HERE](#).



Wild Turkey starting to emerge



One of the wild turkeys emerging from the egg



Happy Birthday to Me!

WISH LIST and AMAZON

Our [Amazon Wish List](#) is proving to be pretty popular, not only with our supporters but our staff and interns as well.



A simple can opener brightened the day

Just today two can openers arrived that caused a quite a celebration. First of all, it's always fun to get an unexpected package in the mail. Secondly, when we have to wrestle with can openers several times a day the ability to get ones we need and work well just makes it easier for us to help our wild friends.

Everyone was so excited to try out the can openers they opened a can to use for the next feeding. The Ooo's and Ahh's of joy filled the entire building! (Seriously! We wildlife rehab types can find joy in lots of little things.)

In addition to the Amazon Wish List, we still have a complete [Wish List](#) on our website and continue to be humbled by how many generous supporters we have out there looking out for us.

Thank you for helping us help them.

Some select items from our wish list:
~PRODUCE such as Apples, Bananas, Berries (any fresh), Melons (any fresh), Carrots, Potatoes

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- ~Treated 2x6's (8' & 10' lengths)
- ~Paper Towels
- ~Folding saw horses

Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 10th

Bake Sale at Hodag Farmer's Market
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Rhinelanders
Come to the Hodag Farmer's Market for some delicious baked goods. Ruby, our red-tailed hawk will also be there.

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Raffle prizes, hot cider, bake sale and raffles are all part of the activities.
Registration/pledge forms can be downloaded from our [website](#).



Ruby enjoys her booth at the Country Fair in Presque Isle

Species Total 1/1/13-7/7/13

American Badger	1
American Crow	2
American Kestrel	11
American Robin	19
Bald Eagle	4
Barred Owl	1
Belted Kingfisher	6
Big Brown Bat	4
Black Bear	6
Black Duck	1
Blue Jay	1
Bobcat	2
Broad-winged Hawk	1
Brown-headed Cowbird	1
Canada Goose	4
Chipping Sparrow	6
Common Grackle	4
Common Loon	8
Common Raven	1
Common Redpoll	17
Coyote	1
Deer Mouse	7
Downy Woodpecker	1
Eastern Bluebird	2
Eastern Cottontail	38
Eastern Gray Squirrel	16
Eastern Phoebe	4
European Starling	4
Evening Grosbeak	1
Gray Fox	1
Great Blue Heron	1
Great Horned Owl	2
Hairy Woodpecker	6
Hooded Merganser	1
House Finch	6
Killdeer	2
Long-eared Owl	1
Mallard Duck	8
Meadow Vole	3
Merlin	1
Mourning Dove	11
Northern Flicker	2
Northern Saw-Whet Owl	2
Pileated Woodpecker	1
Pine Grosbeak	1
Pine Siskin	4
Porcupine	3
Purple Finch	3
Raccoon	21
Red Fox	3
Red Squirrel	6
Red-tailed Hawk	1
Red-winged Blackbird	1
River Otter	2
Rock Dove	4

Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2
Ruby-throated	
Hummingbird	4
Sandhill Crane	1
Short-tailed Weasel	4
Snapping Turtle	8
Thirteen-lined Ground	
Squirrel	2
Turkey Vulture	2
Virginia Opossum	1
Western Fox Snake	2
Western Painted Turtle	11
White-breasted Nuthatch	1
White-tailed Deer	19
White-winged Crossbill	1
Wood Duck	2
Wood Turtle	1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1
	336

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This loon had a non-repairable injury and could not be saved but the band information showed it to be over 25 years old!

Welcome to

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"The newsletter helping you follow your Wild Instincts."

Vol 3:6

It's now September and the crazy Baby Season is winding down into the Release Season. Our eleven fawns were released. They will soon be joined by the coyote, the river otters and the black bears. There are still a few babies at risk out there. Gray squirrels have their second litter which is not quite ready to be on their own. Cedar waxwing and goldfinches nest in Aug so they have babies just getting ready to go. West Nile Virus was a huge presence this year with lots of starving young raptors being admitted. Some were exhibiting signs of WNV, others being collateral victims as they most likely lost parents to the disease before they were ready to be on their own. Now that migration season is upon us, the nature of admissions will change from orphans to more chronically critically injured.



Red Fox admitted with severe mange.



Red fox being released at recovery site after being treated for mange.

Non-Target Trapping

On Aug 17th, Wild Instincts received an unusual call regarding an eagle in need of help.

An angler coming in from fishing and putting up the boat just happened to look up in the tree above him to see an unbelievable sight.

About 30 feet above his head, hanging upside down was a bald eagle. Bald eagles are not related to bats so it was pretty apparent this bird was not supposed to be hanging upside down, but was in trouble.

Closer inspection revealed the eagle had one toe caught in a leg-hold trap. Apparently it flew up into the tree, trap and all, but was unable to perch. The trap set tangled in the branches, leaving the eagle hanging upside down helpless.

The staff of Camp Nicolet, where the bird was located, jumped into action and called us immediately. We are about an hour away so we dispatched a rescue driver to assess the situation until we could arrive.



Not what comes to mind when you think of an eagle in a tree. (Photo courtesy of Camp Nicolet)



Eagle hanging upside down by its toe stuck in a leg-hold trap. (Photo courtesy of Camp Nicolet)

Luckily, the owners of the camp are also on the Hiles Volunteer Fire Department. By the time Mark arrived, they already had a 24' extension ladder and a person in the tree on a branch trying to dislodge the stuck trap. He was able to do so and the bird fell and flapped to the ground then immediately hopped 15 feet into the lake where Mark was able to catch her.



Mark ready to remove trap from eagle's foot. They are both wet from being in the lake. Also note darkness is starting to fall. Things like this seldom happen in the middle of the day. (Photo courtesy of Camp Nicolet)



The trap and the toe the next morning.

Many people wonder how in the world an eagle can be caught in a trap in August when trapping season ends in April.

Unfortunately, while not common, this situation is not unique.

This was a legal trap set during trapping season.

Often times at the end of trapping season, a trapper misses one of his sets for a variety of reasons. Then the trap sits, forgotten, sometimes for months until some unsuspecting victim is caught.

We have admitted many different species that became inadvertent victims, birds and mammals alike, in this manner. Eagles have large feet so they often times get only a toe caught. Owls, on the other hand, especially Great Horned Owls, often get their legs trapped.

In this particular case, the trap was a legal underwater set during season. At the end of season when it was time to pull up sets, it was forgotten. Water levels fluctuated, exposed the trap and the eagle, either curious or in the wrong place, got trapped.

Most traps are set with scent lures so there isn't bait to attract other animals. Most birds don't have a very good sense of smell so the lure really isn't an attractant for them.

Because this trap was a legal set, the trapper was able to be identified. He was cited for trapping during the closed season, a \$303.30 fine, along with a counseling session from the local warden. At the time of this writing, the court case was not closed so all charges are alleged.



Attempts to save the toe were unsuccessful.



The toe had to be amputated, but she should still be released without issues.

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Fishing for Loons

In our last newsletter we addressed the hazards of fishing line and lure entanglements from wayward line, lures or lead sinkers. That kind of human artifact can be deadly to all sorts of wild animals, whether they ingest it or get tangled in it.

People are starting to get the message to pick up fishing line and not to use lead sinkers, but it seems like a vast majority of people aren't sure what to do when they come across a situation where they find a bird that has swallowed a hook, or if they actually "catch" a bird when they are out fishing. With the advent of new, stronger fishing lines such as Spiderwire, and more loon-people interaction as lake populations of each species overlap, we suspect this will be an ever increasing issue.

Here are some guidelines for what to do if you find a bird with fishing line or if you accidentally find it on the end of the fishing line from your own fishing rod.

If you find a bird that has obviously swallowed a hook noted by fishing line hanging from its mouth, **DO NOT CUT THE LINE.**

In the case of this young ring-billed gull admitted 9/7, the rescuer was able to step on the 4 feet of line it had hanging out of its mouth to keep it from running, and gently walk up the line and catch it. They did everything right. They did not cut the line, made sure it could not swallow the line and brought it right in to us. Not cutting the line makes it possible for us to slide special tubing over the line and follow it down to the hook and possibly dislodge it. Though it sounds terrible, this is the least invasive hook removal technique. If it's a single hook, not a treble hook, and it's not too deep in the digestive tract already, this method can be quite successful. If the line is cut, we cannot even attempt this simple life-saving technique.



Four feet of fishing line with leader reveals this gull has swallowed fishing tackle.

This year we've seen an alarming increase in loon entanglement calls. People call reporting a loon trailing fishing tackle. Or even call to report they themselves have accidentally caught a loon while they were fishing. If you have a loon on the end of your fishing line, again, **DO NOT CUT THE LINE.** Loons can be very difficult to catch once freed. If they can still dive, it's almost impossible to catch them until they are infirmed enough to be compromised and then it could be too late.

Try to get the bird close enough to your boat to either net it very carefully with your fishing net or cover its entire body with a towel or shirt. Grab the bird on either side of its body about where the wings meet the body, pinning the wings to its body as you do so. Loons can still spear at you with their beaks, but once on land in your boat they are pretty helpless. Cover their heads with a towel or a shirt and call us immediately, even if it doesn't look like it's hooked too badly. Sometimes minor looking injuries can produce fatal results if not handled correctly.

If you see an entangled loon, slowly approach and see if the bird can dive. If it can't, follow the procedure outlined above. If it can dive, call us for more instructions.



Young loon recovering from hooking incident.

This young loon was accidentally hooked right through the left ankle joint by a fisherman. Instead of catching the bird, they cut they line. The bird spent six days trailing 4 ½ feet of fishing line, unable to dive properly and feed itself properly. By the time we were able to catch the bird, it had lost weight and infection had set in.

It's now in care, receiving medication, but it will be weeks before we know the extent of the damage to the joint; injuries likely magnified by six days of swimming, trying to dive and stay alive.

It is a widely accepted practice for anglers to cut the line on gut hooked fish, but little scientific research has been done to show fish survival results from this practice. We do know that cutting the line on birds in this situation is often times fatal. Please resist the urge to cut the line when it comes to birds.

In Their Own Words

From Summer Interns:
Maggie Nannenhorn
Sophomore UWSP
Glen Ellyn, IL

Ever since I was a little girl I knew that I wanted to work with animals "when I grew up". As I got older, I came to understand the different career paths within the animal field, and have had my heart set on rehabilitation ever since. Therefore, it is very surreal to finally be living out goals set by my second grade self. I have just

completed my first year at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, and I plan on graduating in 2016 with the majors Wildlife Ecology and Biology and a minor in Captive Wildlife. Coming to work for Wild Instincts this summer has been such a blessing. I am very grateful that Mark and Sharon took a chance on a "newbie", and have been so patient training me to be the best intern I can be. Everyday is a learning experience. From the scientific name of the Blue Gill (which I finally memorized – *Lepomis macrochirus*) to the proper way to tube feed a bunny, I am gaining knowledge that I didn't even know I could. With so much going on every day, and long hours, it is hard to decide if this summer is going by very quickly or very slowly. I do know that I am trying to soak up every minute of it before my internship ends at the end of August.



Maggie handles Ruby for the first time.

While working here, I have been able to push myself to try new things and accomplish tasks that I did not think I would be capable of doing. One such amazing opportunity was being able to present an education program with another intern, Becky, at a school here in Rhinelander. It was very rewarding to see

the excitement on the children's faces when they saw Ruby, our education Red-tailed Hawk, and to answer their various questions. I also enjoyed learning to hold Ruby on the glove.

Another experience that I will never forget was holding a Bald Eagle for the first time. It was an empowering moment, and all of my family and friends back home were definitely jealous. Perhaps even better than holding a Bald Eagle was releasing one. This past week I was given the opportunity to release a female Bald Eagle back into the wild. While struggling to hold the very heavy female, and trying not to make the funny faces I have become infamous for here at the center, I was struck by how beautiful a moment it actual was. Watching her soar into the sky was one of the most rewarding experiences thus far. Even the small moments, such as watching a juvenile Red Squirrel bounce around his cage, or tasting Quinoa for the first time, fill the days with laughter and joy. I am glad that there is such a positive energy here at Wild Instincts, because there are very emotionally stressful moments when doing rehab work. One of the worst moments thus far, was when a bobcat kit had to be euthanized. It is always difficult when one of the animals die, but the success stories are worth all of the heartbreak.

As my first job away from my home back in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, I have not only gained a lot of work experience, but life experience in general. I will leave this internship more independent and confident than I came in, and hopefully less naïve. I will also have many memories that I will remember forever. Bottle-feeding the young otters and fawns are chief among my memories from this summer. Overall I have gained more from this internship than I could have ever hoped for, and I am very glad that I was given this opportunity.

Megan Dearth
Graduate
Fishers, IN

Last year I worked here during the spring and fall learning the ins and outs of wildlife rehabilitation. Coming back in the summertime seemed like a good way to round out the whole experience, so I've come to the Northwoods of Wisconsin once again. Of course with a new season, I knew there would be a whole new set of challenges awaiting me than there were for either of my other two stays. One main difference being the patient loads I would experience almost immediately. I knew it would turn out to be a much bigger undertaking than I was used to but I was looking forward to seeing if I was up for the work load.

When I first arrived in mid-June, there was already a full house of patients to take care of and from there it only increased in number and frequency of new arrivals. With feeding every hour for the baby birds and food preparations in large quantities along with keeping the facility as clean and organized as possible, it can get pretty hectic. Orientating yourself to all the new patients and their needs can take a few days when you first come into the summer season. Something I wasn't particularly accustomed to, though, was the other interns that worked alongside of me. For the majority of my previous internships, I had been on my own, aside from Mark. Now, coming into this new season, I suddenly had three other interns to share the load. In my previous seasons, working by myself was not much of a problem since the patient loads were quite small. For the summer, however, it would have been all but impossible to accomplish anything alone with the work that needs to be done, it's absolutely necessary to have multiple interns



As the mid-point of the internship neared, and I was fairly used to my new routine, a bombshell was dropped. A day known as "Rehabber of the Day" was announced to take place. Basically, for one entire day, an intern is put in the position of "Head Rehabber" and must perform the duties that Mark does every day. Some of these duties being answering questions from interns, volunteers and the public, checking on and deciding the specific needs for each patient in the facility as well as new arrivals (be it medicine, food, etc.) and pulling together a list of jobs that need to be done throughout the facility for that day. Needless to say, I was nervous. There are days that can be stressful and exhausting for a regular intern. Some days when patients are coming in one after another and the phones are ringing non-stop, it can be exhausting just watching Mark! Naturally, I was imagining my day to be one of the busiest yet.

It didn't turn out as bad as I expected. Though it was challenging in itself with a few critical patients to take care of, my day was a lot more manageable than some of our previous days would have been. Even though it had been a day that I was counting down to with some hesitancy, I'm glad I got the experience of being in charge. Getting a new perspective as the boss, rather than as an intern, let me see different aspects of the Rehabber's job. As

an intern, we have our designated tasks set for us to perform every day, but as the boss we have to think more in terms of "what needs to be done?" as well as "what will be the next step?". Being the Rehabber for a Day gives you the opportunity to see how much you have learned as well as things you wouldn't really pay attention to learning unless you are put into the position where that knowledge or skill is necessary. Not to mention giving you an appreciation for what Mark does every day. While Rehabber of the Day was one that we as interns had some definite anxiety over its coming, it turned out to be one of the best days for us to grow and learn as rehabbers.

As my third internship with Wild Instincts comes into its final weeks, I can't help but compare this experience to my two previous internships last year. Each season has such a distinct feel to them. While spring starts out relaxed as the winter lull comes to a close, the workloads steadily pick up as babies beginning to be born. Summer has a constant flow of patients from start to finish as the baby season comes to a high point, but tapers down ever so slightly as the babies we have begin to be released. Fall starts out heavy with patients left over from the summer season but as more and more patients are released, while less and less come in, you're left with an almost empty facility and more time on your hands for projects. After having experience all these seasons now, I think I would say my favorite is a tie between the summer and the fall. I enjoyed seeing so many different species of animals come in, including ones I had never seen before during the summer season, but being a part of the releases for the fawns and bears was an experience I won't soon forget. Being a part of the spring, summer and fall internships have been extremely valuable learning experiences for the field as well as about myself.

I think coming back was a good decision and I feel that I was able to learn more in

that one season about wildlife rehab than my spring and fall seasons combined. I get to leave this season feeling good that I learned a lot, had a great time and that I made it through one of the busiest seasons of all!

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Small hog ring pliers made us jump for joy

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Many packages arrive anonymously so we never know who to thank. Others have incomplete information. We'd like to say a big Thank You for helping us help them, no matter who you are out there.

These packages always help with materials but also to raise morale and spirits. While we're scrubbing notorious- industrial-glue-strength eagle poop for the umpteenth time, it's helpful knowing there are people out there who are behind us, even if they don't have a scrub brush in their hand, they're making sure we have one in ours. Some select items from our wish list:

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Wild for Wine & Cheese Cruise

Wisconsin River Cruises

Rhineland

Saturday, October 5th

12:00 -2:00

Drink in the fall scenery, raise your spirits and your glasses to help Wild Instincts raise funds during this wine & cheese tasting cruise.

The Brigadoon Winery out of Tripoli will be featured during this Wisconsin River Cruises event.

A printable flyer can be found here.

Eagle Scout Eagle Project

Recently a Boy Scout approached us about doing a project to earn a portion of his Eagle Scout badge. We offered a couple different possible projects. He chose to build a pond in the eagle flight enclosure. Marshall was responsible for helping acquire the materials needed in addition to being responsible for enlisting volunteers for labor and directing the project.



Roughing in the site of the new concrete pond.



Marshall hauling more fill.



Marshall and his work crew show off the new eagle pond. All that's left to do is the gravel.



The finished pond. Judging from the floating feathers and other materials, the eagles approve.

THANKS, MARSHALL & CREW!

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Bald Eagle	9
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Black Duck	1
Blue Jay	3
Bobcat	3
Broad-winged Hawk	7
Brown-headed Cowbird	1
Canada Goose	6
Cedar Waxwing	5
Chipping Sparrow	6
Common Grackle	5
Common Loon	12
Common Nighthawk	1
Common Raven	2
Common Redpoll	17
Cooper's Hawk	1
Coyote	1
Deer Mouse	10
Downy Woodpecker	1
Eastern Bluebird	4
Eastern Chipmunk	2
Eastern Cottontail	87
Eastern Gray Squirrel	22
Eastern Phoebe	4
European Starling	5
Evening Grosbeak	1
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Mallard Duck	10
Meadow Vole	3
Merlin	6
Mourning Dove	18
Muskrat	1
Northern Bat	1

Northern Flicker	2
Northern Harrier	2
Northern Saw-Whet Owl	2
Osprey	2
Pileated Woodpecker	3
Pine Grosbeak	1
Pine Siskin	4
Porcupine	3
Purple Finch	3
Raccoon	23
Red Fox	4
Red Squirrel	9
Red-eyed Vireo	1
Red-tailed Hawk	6
Red-winged Blackbird	1
Ring-billed Gull	1
River Otter	2
Rock Dove	5
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	4
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	8
Sandhill Crane	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1
Short-tailed Weasel	4
Snapping Turtle	11
Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel	2
Tree Swallow	1
Turkey Vulture	3
Virginia Opossum	7
Western Fox Snake	2
Western Painted Turtle	12
White-breasted Nuthatch	1
White-tailed Deer	21
White-winged Crossbill	1
Wild Turkey	3
Wood Duck	2
Wood Turtle	1
Yellow Warbler	1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1
Total	510

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Welcome to

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Winter Season

It's now November. The animal admissions have dwindled; the interns have left. One not in the rehab field would think this would be the Quiet Time.

It may be a quieter time, but there is still plenty for us to do.

The 2013 weather sure was uncooperative for much outdoor construction. We have a small window of time before animal admissions and after animal releases to work on enclosure construction. This year with its late, cold spring and early wet, snowy fall has made enclosure expansions and construction challenging to say the least. We'll be working hard to catch up any chance Mother Nature gives us.

In addition, there's the inside maintenance, the ordering, the hiring of next year's interns, the fundraising, the reports, and the on going day-to-day operations. Of course, there is the continued care of those patients that are admitted for a short period for healing, and those that have injuries that will prevent them from accomplishing their normal winter hibernation or brumation, the term used for the hibernation-like state of cold-blooded animals.

Sixteen baby snapping turtles will be staying the winter. Someone found them in September and decided to try to sell them illegally. The people were caught; the turtles confiscated and brought to us. They haven't been well cared for and the weather

is too cold now for them to be released. They will be over-wintered until spring, just like the couple bat patients we have.



Sixteen hatchling snapping turtles will be cared for at Wild Instincts over the winter until they can be released in the spring.

More Releases

Since the last newsletter, there have been a few more releases of some long term patients.

On April 21st, a week-old coyote pup was admitted. It was being carried across the road to a new den by its mom. People trying to get a better look, got too close and spooked mom. She dropped her pup.

Extensive searching yielded no dens so she was raised at Wild Instincts.

On Sept 24th, she was released back into the wild.



Insets are coyote as a pup. Photo is her just before release.

Wild Instincts raised two female river otters from very young. They were released on September 29th.

Click [HERE](#) to see a video of their release.



Release Day! Insets are of them as young babies.

One of the most costly species we care for is the bear. Raising cubs to release requires special formula and lots and lots of fresh produce, *expensive* produce, among other things. This year we raised five cubs; three siblings and two singles all together as one big family. Bear release day is a much anticipated day. This year Natalie Jablonski from WXPB radio in Rhinelander went along. You can join us by clicking on the link to her story [HERE](#).



Bear on Release Day

Last newsletter we told you the story of the eagle caught in a leg-hold trap. We're happy to report on Oct 8th she was returned back to her home.



Eagle in a leg-hold trap hanging upside down by its toe.
(Photo courtesy of Camp Nicolet)



After 51 days in care and having one toe amputated as a result of the trap injury, she was returned back to her wild home on Oct 8th.



Stump removal to prepare for gravel.



That's a lot of spreading to do!



Putting finishing touches on the new raccoon pond.

Printpack Cares

On September 17th & 18th, employees of Printpack, a local manufacturing company, came out for not one but TWO work days here at Wild Instincts. Every September Printpack associates around the world engage in charitable causes within their local communities. Volunteer projects are suggested by associates and scheduled to allow varying shifts and their families to give back to their community. In addition to offering their sweat and hard work, they donated items from our wish list took up a collection and donated \$200, got a discount for us on some gravel AND the company made a corporate \$500 cash donation. Printpack truly does care!



Installing fabric on the raptor complex.



New gravel around the intern fire pit.



All spread and looking AWESOME!

Having so many willing hands really does make much needed projects get done very quickly!

In Honor of/In Memory of

Donations have been received

~In memory of Deb Kronstedt

~In honor of Connie & Ray Griesbach

~In memory of infant Theo Matthew Beck-Felde

Women in Natural Resources

On Sunday, Oct 13th, 20 hearty college students showed up to help with chores around Wild Instincts. This group is the Women in Natural Resources from UW-Stevens Point. These young ladies give up a day of their weekend twice a year, one in the spring and one again in the fall, to come volunteer doing whatever needs to be done. Many of these students will go on to have careers in wildlife so seeing behind-the-scenes of a wildlife rehab center is intriguing. In fact, many of these women will apply for our internship positions. The timing of their visits generally has them doing things like running hoses to the outdoor enclosures in the spring and then bringing them back in the fall. We can't leave out the yearly shoveling of mounds of bear feces from the bear den house! They do it all with the joy and enthusiasm of youth.



UWSP Women in Natural Resources Work Crew

Thank you again, Ladies. You are one special group!

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Click on the box to see for yourself.

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More Endoscopy

In October, we had the occasion to get Dr. Theurerkauf of Northwoods Animal Hospital and Dr. Franks of Marshfield Clinic together again for another endoscopy procedure on a loon. Dr. Franks even brought his assistant, Brenda, this time.

This young one had swallowed the same type of hook set up as the one we did in June. This set up leaves two hooks in the loon with a 5-7" length of line connecting the two. It appears to be what's called a Lindy Perch Rig or similar. It seems the days of fishing with just one hook are over and numerous "rigs" of many names are the way to slay fish these days.

Unfortunately, wildlife other than fish is paying the price.

The x-rays showed one hook had worked its way down into the digestive where it should eventually break down. The other hook, however, was higher up in the esophagus.

The procedure took an hour (as compared to the 15 minutes of the June procedure). The esophageal hook was lodged in such a way it was not possible to remove it. We were, however, able to get the line connecting the two and remove it.

What now?

The lower hook was showing signs of the loon's body breaking it down. The other was beginning to be walled off by the loon's body and wasn't appearing to be interfering with its eating. Fortunately, there were no lead sinkers to factor in.

The choices were euthanasia, which didn't make sense since the loon was eating normally at this point and had gained lots of weight, and release so it would have time to catch the late migrants.

We chose release. This is an un-banded bird. We will have no way of knowing what becomes of it. We can only hope for the best.

We need to ALL spread the word to be extra careful with all fishing tackle and use lead free sinkers.



Good luck. Don't eat any more fishing tackle!

In Their Own Words

Each year we have several different groups of interns- spring, summer and fall. They have all gone now and in a few weeks we'll start the hiring process for the 2014 interns. Here is what the fall interns had to say about their experiences.



Ruby, the Red-tailed Hawk and Stephanie, the Red Pony-tailed Intern.

Stephanie Bishir
Graduate
Middletown, IN

When I was asked to write about my time at Wild Instincts it seemed a daunting task. I've learned a great deal about wildlife rehab and have had a lot of great experiences and opportunities all thanks to the two fantastic mentors that are Mark and Sharon. I came with the background of a biological field researcher with little knowledge about rehabbing, and knowing this these two still agreed to bring me in and teach me what they knew. Everything

they taught me was done with much patience that was greatly appreciated. Mark, with his vast amount of experience, made everything look very simple and I naively believed that it was. When it came time to dropper feed a juvenile squirrel, my first attempt at hand feeding any animal in this manner, I quickly realized that I was wrong. Luckily for me the ever-patient Mark gave me some pointers about how to properly perform this action so as to prevent any injuries to the squirrel and eventually I got the hang of things. This kind of interaction happened many times, from tube feeding bunnies to capturing and handling a bald eagle, although I'm not sure that I could say that I mastered either skill. One of my favorite experiences here was the release of my first animal, a red fox. Although I was not here for his full stay, I had seen pictures and heard of his bad mange when he first arrived. Knowing how much he recovered and having seen him for a few weeks was enough for me to really appreciate how much work goes into rehabbing an animal and the benefits that come from it. During my time here, it was also a great deal of fun to meet and interact with some of the volunteers that help out. It was nice to see how many people want to help out and support what Wild Instincts stands for. I may not know everything there is to know about the rehab life but I have a much better understanding and respect for the work of wildlife rehabilitation and I am grateful for the opportunity that I was given.



Interns Ashley & Stephanie enjoy the otter release.



Intern Ashley at the bear release.

Ashley Wallace
Graduate
Flagstaff, AZ

The year 2013 has been full of firsts for me. I was the first in my immediate family to graduate from college. I had my first visit to Wisconsin which included the first time I had a flight over fifty minutes, the first time I ever stayed away from home for so long and the first time I ever had roommates. I even had my first ever cheese curds here in Rhinelander! Needless to say I have had a lot of other firsts just working at Wild Instincts and I feel like I learn something new every day.

I have sat down for awhile now trying to figure out what I was going to write in this article. How can I share my experience with you, the readers? I think I can first start by trying to convey how incredibly grateful I am for this internship. Wildlife rehabilitation is still a growing field and there is no program in the university setting that you can follow to learn how to be a wildlife rehabilitator. You have to learn from the people who learned before you. For me, those people were Mark and Sharon. I cannot thank them enough for this opportunity. Not a day goes by that I do not think at least one time during the day, that I love my job (even when I am steaming eagle feces off the isolation room walls!) I am already feeling sad that the end of my internship is fast approaching.

I have learned so much during my time here, it is hard to pick and choose what to

share but I decided to focus on some of my favorite moments starting with my first night working at Wild Instincts. On that night, I got to go on my (you guessed it!) first bear rescue. I did not think I would be going at all as I was sure Mark would be taking his most senior and experienced interns. Yet there I was staring at a bear that had climbed onto a second story deck and into a barrel shaped bird bath. That night, I learned the most basic equation when figuring out how much medication to give an animal so that we could tranquilize her. I am also never going to forget that a pound is equal to .454 kg (especially because I just got quizzed at bear release time and I had forgotten!) We successfully tranquilized the bear and got her back to Wild Instincts but unfortunately this story does not have a happy ending. Due to her injuries from being hit by a car, the bear died overnight. I hope that we were able to provide some comfort to her in her final moments here at the center.

Not every night includes an exciting bear rescue but there was still plenty to learn. When I arrived in August, we still had a plethora of baby animals. We had a mix of baby bunnies, birds, squirrels, and of course fawns. In order to feed a baby bunny you have to use a feeding tube that you put down the back of its throat and then once it has reached the rabbit's stomach you can release the formula from a syringe. It sounds simple, right? Watching Mark do it makes it look incredibly easy as well. Even the directions are pretty straight forward. But once you are in this small, incredibly warm room trying to convince this tiny, squirmy being that putting a tube down the back of its throat is good for it, you realize that it is not so easy and that it can even be frustrating. As with anything you have to work at, the more you practice the better you get. This was true for me and I no longer eye bunny charts with absolute dread. Tubing bunnies turned out to be one of the most memorable things I learned

here at Wild Instincts. To some it may be a small, insignificant thing but for me I find great satisfaction knowing I can help them. I do not think I can skip talking about the fawns. If you were looking for an animal to make you smile then the fawns would be it. Deer can be shy, secretive creatures and I have never even seen one in the wild. I was so surprised by how fast they eat and how greedy they are. Fawns are always portrayed as quiet, gentle creatures and they are. They are also noisy, impatient and certainly not afraid to tell you to get that bottle to them quick, talking and using hooves when necessary. I learned a lot about their behavior during bottle feedings. I was extremely excited for fawn release day. There was one fawn that had a little trouble working out the bottle system (my fellow interns know him as the loveable number 12) and I was glad he got to be released. I know it was worth every difficult feeding.

Releasing the bears was one of our last big release days requiring extra help from volunteers. It was pretty interesting to see that even when bringing them food, the bears avoided people as much as possible. It just reaffirms that wildlife usually want to move away from humans whenever possible and that negative interactions between bears and humans can usually be avoided when proper precautions are taken. I feel fortunate to have gone on their release and fortunate to attempt to rescue others. Before coming here, I had only seen two wild bears off the side of the road from the safety of my car in my entire life. Being up close to one, to hear it breathe and even talk in its sleep was really special. They looked so much younger and smaller when up close but they were none-the-less beautiful and I hope they all grow up to be big, stunning bears in the wild. Release days are certainly some of the happiest days at the center since they are what we are all working for. While I love releases just as much as everyone else, I

think I love learning all the things in-between admission and release even more. I think my scariest moment was the first time I ever picked up a bald eagle. I learned to properly handle smaller birds of prey first, but handling an eagle is a whole other ball game. The size and musculature of these birds is quite impressive and definitely intimidating. The eagle I started with was regrettably very sick due to lead poisoning which made it a good learning bird because it had very little resistance to being restrained. But the second eagle I really learned to capture and restrain was the eagle that caught her toe in a leg hold trap. She was less than enthused about the idea of me picking her up (I am pretty sure all the eagles feel the same way). But I went into the isolation room armed with a cover for her head (many animals are calmer when they cannot see) and determined to get her without either of us getting hurt. I was successful and exhausted. Restraining and moving an eagle is challenging! I was also able to administer her antibiotics (via intramuscular injections) and I feel really proud that I got to assist in her treatment and then had the honor of releasing her back into the wild. As my internship comes to end, our patient load has come down and we have been able to complete many projects outside to help prep the center for winter. It is amazing to see how much it has changed in just the short time that I have been here. Much of which occurred at the hands of some very dedicated volunteers whom I enjoyed getting to know and work with this fall. I have learned a lot and I know I have very far to go. I can only thank Mark and Sharon once again for their infinite patience and expertise. I cannot imagine a better place to start working towards being a wildlife rehabilitator than Wild Instincts and I would love to come back for another fall season.

WISH LIST and AMAZON

Our [Amazon Wish List](#) is proving to be a big boost to our mission.



This will make cutting deer, bear and squirrel food so much easier and lessen the chance of interns cutting themselves!!!

We are continually amazed and blessed by all those generous folks out there who take the time to check our list and go shopping. We'd like to say a big THANK YOU for helping us help them, no matter who you are out there. Some even see a need and just respond without giving us a chance to list it on our wish list. Like the donor of this air nailer:



We can make so much more progress without having to pound every nail by hand! More animals will be helped more quickly!

Every time we receive an item to help our mission gives us a great feeling. We cannot do this without you and your help.

Some select items from our wish list:
~FISH, fresh or frozen, whole or fillets
~Venison
~Treated 2x6's (8' & 10' lengths)
~Paper Towels

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Events Updates

On Sept 28th, the Second Annual Walk in the Wild was held at North Lakeland Discovery Center. The day was cool and threatened rain, but it held off until the walk was long finished. Attendees had a great time, won some fabulous raffle prizes and raised almost \$2500 to help Wild Instincts.

A special thanks to Jo D and Carol H who organized the event.



Some of the raffle prizes at Walk in the Wild.



Some of the crowd milling around looking at the raffle table and watching a slide presentation at Walk in the Wild.



A boat full of friends and fun at the Wild for Wine & Cheese Cruise.

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Ruby watches a slide show presentation at Walk in the Wild.

On Oct 5th, the Wild for Wine & Cheese Cruise was held at Wisconsin River Cruises.

The day was cloudy and misty outside, but inside the boat is was bright, warm and filled with raffle prizes!

Brigadoon Winery supplied some great wines & knowledge and the cheeses were fabulous.

Special thanks to Pat K and Joyce P along with Mickey B, Kid's Korner, Wisconsin River Cruises and Brigadoon Winery.

This first-time event raised almost \$1800.



Ruby experiences her first boat ride at the Wild for Wine & Cheese Cruise.

Birthday Celebration

On Nov 3rd we were surprised when Avery E. walked in with her family carrying bags of donations. She handed over an envelope and explained that she had just had her 11th birthday. As part of her celebration, she had friends donate items from our wish list. In the envelope was \$30.00.

Happy belated birthday, Avery. Thank you for helping us help them.

Expanding Volunteer Program

Volunteers are a huge part of Wild Instincts and we couldn't operate without them.

We answer questions from people wanting to become a volunteer at Wild Instincts almost weekly. To help us operate more efficiently, we will be offering some formal volunteer informational meetings and training sessions early in 2014.

We will provide detailed information about what opportunities Wild Instincts has for those interested in volunteering, what is expected of volunteers as well as what is not allowed.

We will also again be holding our Raptor Rescue and Transport Driver Training in March, 2014.

Drivers are a huge link in getting injured animals to the care they need. We are one of the few centers in the state permitted to treat all animals so our patients come from a wide geographic region. In 2012, we admitted patients from 28 different counties.

Dates and locations of these training sessions will be announced early in 2014.



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The 2014 Calendar is now in!

The 2014 Calendars have arrived! Cost is \$20.00 each. If you need them to be shipped, add \$5.00. Don't forget members get a membership discount.

To order yours, you can either contact us for local pick up or go to our on-line gift shop and order on line.



Skinny snapping turtle on left, correct body condition on right.

On occasion we have mentioned underweight or skinny turtles. More than one person has asked how one can tell if a turtle is skinny. The above photo depicts a skinny snapper vs. a snapper of correct weight.

Species	1/1/13-11/1/13
American Badger	1
American Crow	5
American Goldfinch	4
American Kestrel	11
American Robin	25
Bald Eagle	16
Barred Owl	1
Belted Kingfisher	6
Big Brown Bat	4
Black Bear	7
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Purple Finch	4	White-tailed Deer	21
Raccoon	25	White-winged Crossbill	1
Red Fox	4	Wild Turkey	3
Red Squirrel	10	Wilson's Snipe	1
Red-eyed Vireo	1	Wood Duck	3
Red-tailed Hawk	7	Wood Turtle	1
Red-winged Blackbird	1	Yellow Warbler	1
Ring-billed Gull	3	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	5
River Otter	2	Yellow-rumped Warbler	1
Rock Dove	5	Total	566
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	4		
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	9		
Ruffed Grouse	1		
Sandhill Crane	1		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		
Short-eared Owl	1		
Short-tailed Weasel	4		
Snapping Turtle	11		

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