



# "DUCK TALES"

## Wild Care's Monthly E-News



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[www.wildcarecapecod.org](http://www.wildcarecapecod.org)

### Networking and Creativity = Success!

In July, we received a distress call from Martha's Vineyard. For years, a family enjoyed the Barn Swallows nesting in the same location on their porch. This year they noticed that mites were rampant at the nest site, and they were worried about the babies' health and the fact that they were about to rent their house...

### Director's Message

August 9th, 2016

You may have seen a feature in the Cape Cod times today, about a recently successful Wild Care rescue. On Friday, August 5th. Wild Care Wildlife Rehabilitator Amy Webster went to the rescue of an adult Osprey that was said to have been entangled and dangling from the top of a 60 ft tree in Orleans for 3 days. With the help of the Orleans Police Department, tree worker Scott MacLeod, and many other kind-hearted people, the Osprey was freed and is recuperating here at Wild Care.

**At Wild Care, these types of success stories  
happen  
every single day.**

Read the story: [Entangled Osprey Rescued from Tree](#)

No one wanted to separate the swallow family, so they contacted Wild Care for advice. Wild Care's Animal Care Coordinator Jennifer Taylor researched non-lethal options for removing mites, and also consulted Mark Faherty, Science Coordinator at the Mass Audubon Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Audubon. The homeowner was given a ton of information from which she formed her own plan and acted quickly!



*Barn Swallow photos  
by Meghan Gombos*

Using scrap wood, coconut husk from a planter, diatomaceous earth and a kitchen sifter, she constructed a makeshift nest, sprinkling the new husk nest with the diatomaceous earth. Then she quickly took the infested nest down and transferred the babies into the new nest after sprinkling each of them. This was all done as quickly as possible as there was a good chance the parents might not return if it took too long.

Her ingenuity worked, and she now has the family of swallows zooming around her porch.

*Hooray for Meghan Gombos and her mom Eileen Gombos, for their creativity and love of wildlife!*

## The Joy of Rescue AND Release

by Jennifer Taylor, Wild Care Animal Care Coordinator

A couple discovered an adult Great Black-backed Gull tangled in fishing line and hanging in a bush on their property. They bravely removed the line themselves and

**Our dedicated Staff and Volunteers put in the extra effort required to give animals a second chance.**

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Rescues take time and valuable resources! Please help us to alleviate costs, so we can continue making a difference for the community and the wildlife of Cape Cod.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie, Executive Director



Wild Care Animal Care Coordinator, Jennifer Taylor, examines the Osprey after it was disentangled from a 60 ft. tree. Photo by Cristalyn Searles

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**It's a "Wild Fiesta"  
at Guapo's!**

freed the bird, but it did not fly away as planned. After a few hours, they called Wild Care. One of our die-hard volunteers, Elena Calabrese, rescued the bird and brought it to us.

The gull was dehydrated, traumatized and barely able to stand. We removed more monofilament from his body, and his leg, and corners of his mouth had been injured by the line.

After supportive care, medication, wound management and a trip to Eastham Veterinary Hospital for debridement of wounds, this large gull became unruly and was ready to GO! We called Elena to do the release.

She was thrilled to see the once "pitiful" patient from a couple of weeks before, fly off as the strong and gorgeous waterbird he was meant to be!



Spa time in our Seabird Therapy Pool.  
Photo by S. Ellis

Please safely pick up any fishing tackle and line you may find washed up on our beaches and discard properly. So many animals will appreciate it. <3

## A Warm Welcome!

Wild Care welcomes Jackie Vargo as a seasonal Wildlife Rehabilitation Assistant for the Summer of 2016!

When Jackie came to Cape Cod from northern California in July of this year, one of her first priorities was to find a wildlife rehabilitation

A promotional poster for Wild Care's "Wild Fiesta" &amp; Cornhole Tournament. The poster features a colorful illustration of a woman in a sombrero and a man in a sombrero. Text on the poster includes: "Wild Care &amp; GUAPO'S TORTILLA SHACK", "Wild Care's 'Wild Fiesta' &amp; Cornhole Tournament at GUAPO'S", "August 14, 2016", "3-5 PM on GUAPO'S Patio!", "\$10 to enter tournament", "PRIZES for Tournament Winners", "Silent Auction Cash Bar", and "Have a Wild Evening at Wild Care's 'Wild Fiesta!'". Logos for sponsors like CCB MEDIA, 99.9 the Q, and SNOWY OWL COFFEE ROASTERS are also visible.

(Click to enlarge)

Join us on August 14th for a WILD FIESTA on the patio of Guapo's Tortilla Shack in Orleans!

Guapo's is throwing a Cornhole Tournament fundraiser and a silent auction to benefit Wild Care - \$10 to enter the tournament and \$5 to come enjoy complimentary appetizers. **Cape Cod Broadcasting Media's stations 99.9 the Q and Cape Country 104** are co-sponsoring along with **Snowy Owl Coffee Roasters**. See you there! (Sign up for the tournament at [guaposcapecod.com/wildfiesta](http://guaposcapecod.com/wildfiesta).)

Details on our [website](#), and find our event on [Facebook!](#)

## Wild Care's Special Guest Julian Cyr



(L) Wild Care Executive Director, Stephanie Ellis; Democrat for Senate, Julian Cyr; Wild Care President, Board of Directors, Judy Bullard (R)

Wild Care was treated to a visit from local Democrat for Senate, Julian Cyr.



center to volunteer with. So of course she chose Wild Care!

Since college, she thoroughly enjoyed volunteering in wildlife rehabilitation in California at two different rehab centers, and also pursued wildlife conservation research, focusing mainly on birds.

Jackie loves to be outdoors and is especially enjoying exploring the Cape and all it has to offer. If she's not learning wildlife rehab at the center, you might find her birding, hiking, photographing, or maybe enjoying the warm Atlantic Ocean. She is "excited to work alongside the passionate volunteers and staff and Wild Care, and hopes to meet and learn from everyone" throughout her time here.

Thank you Jackie! We are delighted to have you as part of our team! <3



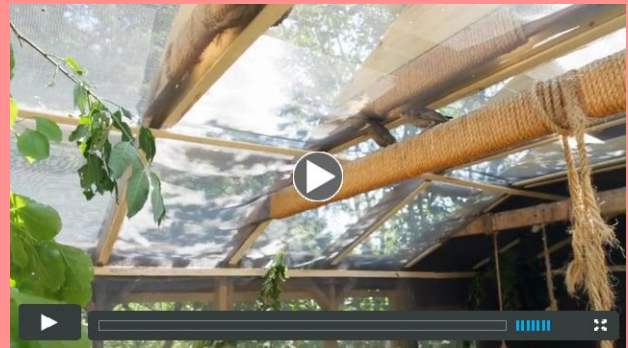
*Wild Care  
Wildlife Rehabilitation Assistant - Jackie  
Vargo, stands with a Black-crowned  
Night Heron.*

Julian Cyr, a lifelong resident of Cape Cod, is a candidate for the Massachusetts State Senate district that represents Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket. Born and raised in Truro, Julian has built a reputation as a passionate and committed public servant, effectively advocating for issues important to the Cape & Islands district. His lifelong love of animals made for an especially delightful visit, and we were honored to share our work with him. We wish him success in the general election on November 8th! Learn more about Julian by visiting his [Facebook](#) page.



*Wild Care Animal Care Coordinator Jennifer Taylor  
assesses the condition of a Red-tailed Hawk.  
Photos by Ryan Stanz.*

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us treat injured,  
orphaned and ill  
wildlife this Summer.  
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## **Cheep, Cheep!**

Check out this awesome 5 minute video about Wild Care's newly renovated Songbird Aviary!  
Video by Madeleine List of [Lower Cape TV](#).

*This aviary was made possible  
with a generous grant  
from the **Mary-Louise and Ruth  
N. Eddy Foundation**  
and was crafted with love by **Jeff  
Carlson of Carlson Crafted  
Homes** in Eastham.*



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**About Wild Care**

Since 1994, Wild Care has treated injured, ill and orphaned native wildlife for release back into the wild capable of independent survival, prevented wildlife casualties through public education and counseling, and engaged the community in conservation services through volunteerism. Wild Care does not charge the public for our services. We accept wildlife regardless of a rescuer's ability to make a donation; and we never compromise quality of care or the dignity of an animal's life for fundraising purposes.