



# "DUCK TALES"

## Wild Care's Monthly E-News



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

### "Dig Safe" for Turtles!

by Jennifer Taylor,  
Wild Care, Animal Care Coordinator

When digging in your garden, you do not expect the shock of unearthing a nest of turtle eggs. This was the scenario a few weeks ago in South Orleans...

Wild Care was called for assistance and advice after a turtle nest was disrupted during gardening. Because two of the eggs were already broken by the shovel, and premature baby turtles were involved, Wild Care's Wildlife Rehabilitator Amy Webster decided to carefully collect the eggs and incubate them at Wild Care.

### Director's Message

September 7th, 2016

As of today, there are only 14 days left of Summer! At Wild Care, we are beginning to see the signs that Fall is on its way. The orphaned birds have begun to wane, and many feathered migrants have already started their journey south. Others will be leaving soon, like this juvenile Ruby-throated Hummingbird pictured below. This bird came to us as an orphan two weeks ago when it was found on the road in Brewster. It was barely alive, and was covered in tiny pin feathers. With proper nutrition, lots of attention and care, this hummingbird was released this morning, along with another young hummingbird, just in time to fatten up and make their way south towards the Gulf Coast!

**Help us to get wildlife healthy again and to prepare them for their next journey!**

[Please make a donation today.](#)

Sincerely,  
Stephanie, Executive Director



Release Day! Five hatchling Painted Turtles excited about their big day.

The eggs that were broken had fully formed turtles inside, but their yolk sacs (nutrients for hatchling turtles) were still very large. One turtle did not survive because the egg sac was torn.

The eggs were set up in our newly donated reptile incubator, and five of them hatched successfully!

We were able to determine the exact rescue location, and the 5 baby Painted Turtles were released under the thickets of the pond closest to their nest site.

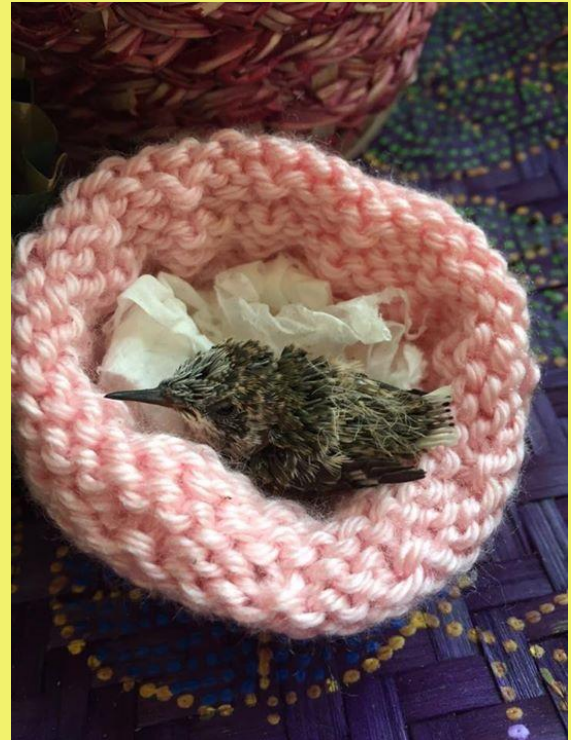
We wish them well on their chelonian journey!

## When in Doubt.. Call Wild Care!

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Wild Care, Animal Care Coordinator

Part of our mission at Wild Care is to prevent animals from being brought to us that are not in need of care. We refer to this as an "over rescue". This is why we advise people to phone us before deciding to rescue an animal and bring it to Wild Care. (Sometimes it is obvious that an animal is truly in distress, like if it is bleeding, or it has just been hit by a car.)

This summer, we received many such calls, and we helped to solve issues and prevent animals from the stress (and terror) of being captured by a human, put into a box and driven in a car...



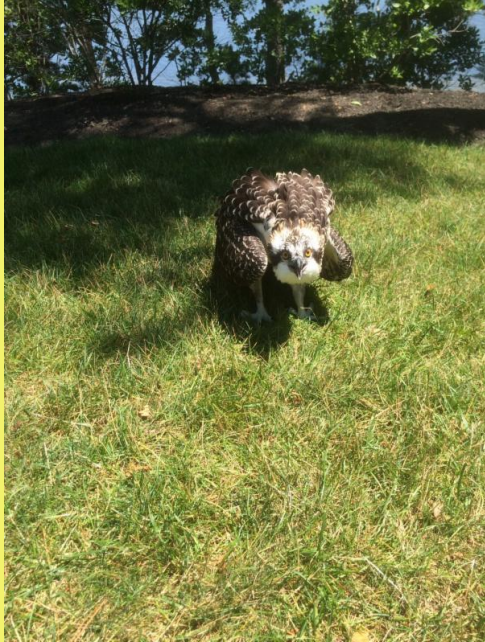
Ruby-throated Hummingbird nestling. Aug. 26th,



The same hummingbird today. Released!

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Juvenile Osprey in Chatham

One such example was a call we received about this juvenile Osprey that had landed in a yard in Chatham. The owners of the property were concerned that it was sick or injured and called us. I asked them to send me pictures so I could confirm that it was truly an Osprey and assess their situation.

The behavior they had described sounded to me like a juvenile bird who was confused, and had landed in a new place and did not consider humans to be a threat. My advice was to leave the bird alone so it could get its bearings. Juvenile birds have not learned all their flight skills and often end up in inappropriate places.

The callers took our advice, left the bird alone, and soon watched the juvenile Osprey fly off to the nearby pond and continue its day.

We love these happy endings!

**Join us at the 7th Annual  
Cape Cod Wildlife Festival!**

**Dine Out at Arnold's on  
September 18th and  
Support Wild Care!**



Located at 3580 State Hwy 6, Eastham

Dine out at  
**Arnold's Lobster and Clam Bar**  
on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th between 11:30  
AM and 8 PM. ALL PROCEEDS from food sales,  
ice cream, and mini-golf go directly to benefit the  
animals at Wild Care!  
GREAT FOOD for a GREAT CAUSE.  
See you there. :)

**Movie Time with Wild Care!**



Don't miss the Cape Cod Wildlife Festival on **September 10th** at the Mass Audubon Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary. A day full of activities, live animals, a book signing, a solar ice cream truck, and a chance to learn about great organizations like the Cape Wildlife Center, National Marine Life Center, & SO MUCH MORE. Just come on down!

Wild Care will be there with an activity booth. Attendance is free. **10AM - 3PM.** Full details [here..](#)

**Donate today to help us treat injured, orphaned and ill wildlife this Fall.**  
**[Click here to donate!](#)**

**Wild Care joins the "Blessing of the Animals"**



Wild Care is delighted to be a guest of the Dennis Union Church, "Blessing of the Animals" on the Dennis Village Green, 713 Main St. (6A) **Sunday, September 18th beginning at 11:15**



Norman Smith  
Mass Audubon  
Blue Hills Trailside Museum

**Join us for a showing of a  
"Wing and a Care"  
at the Chatham Orpheum!**

Shawn Carey, Wildlife Photographer, Filmmaker and founder of "[Migration Productions](#)", follows the stories of three amazing men as they work to protect the birds they love. The film shows how a single individual can make a world of difference in the life of a bird, and it asks a critical question: *How can each one of us get involved and help build a better future for these incredible birds?*

**WHERE:** Chatham Orpheum, 637 Main St.  
**WHEN:** Saturday, **SEPTEMBER 24th 8:00 - 10:00 AM**  
**COST:** \$25 at the door. Includes pastries, bagels, coffee.

Meet and greet with Filmmaker Shawn Carey at 8:00 AM. Film starts at 8:30, followed by Q & A. Silent auction too!

All proceeds benefit Wild Care. Don't miss it! For questions, contact [sellis@wildcarecapecod.org](mailto:sellis@wildcarecapecod.org). Read more about this wonderful film [here..](#)



Tom Sayers  
Northeast Connecticut Kestrel Project

**AM.**

Bring your finned, feathered, scaled, and furry friends to the Village Green (contained please!) for well wishes. Wild Care will be there with an informational table, and our new Educational Ambassador, E. Box Turtle #45.

**Wild Care loves *all* animals!  
See you there!**

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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.