

Wild Care's Duck Tales Monthly E-News

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www.wildcarecapecod.org

Director's Message • July 2020

Wild Care Friends,

We hope you've had a healthy and safe July. We currently have over 100 animals in our care. Thanks to your overwhelmingly positive response to our Facebook and Amazon Wishlist requests, and your donations to our recent "Wild Baby Shower," we continue to stay stocked with all the supplies that we need to keep our patients comfortable and well-fed.

(That's a lot of mouths to feed!)

The virtual Wild Baby Shower on June 27th was more successful than ever!

Despite having to go virtual with the event and missing the opportunity to see all of you in person, dozens of people dropped off baby shower gifts throughout the day, and hundreds of people tuned in for our Baby Shower presentations on Facebook Live.

Thanks to you,

we received over \$800 in supplies, \$1,700 in online donations, and \$750 in gift cards. (WOW!) In case you missed it, you can still view videos from our Wild Baby Shower, [here](#).

Words cannot express the gratitude we have

Check our [Facebook](#) page where we continue to post updates and uplifting stories!



*Northern Rough-winged
Swallow fledglings
Photo by Kerry Reid.*



*Blue-headed Vireo nestling.
Photo by Kerry Reid.*

for our fans, and this community for your never ending support.

Grateful, *Stephanie*



Intern Courtney Buff



Intern Spotlight: *Courtney Buff*

"I am from Stroudsburg in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania and have a house in Chatham, Massachusetts where I spend my summers!

I go to West Chester University of Pennsylvania and I am majoring in Biology with a concentration in Ecology and Conservation.

I have always been interested in the environment, and how to protect ecosystems and wildlife. When I graduate

I want to find a job working for a conservation team that studies wildlife biology and the environment. Wild Care has given me awesome opportunities to work hands on with animals and to learn about all of their roles in the environment!

My favorite thing about Wild Care is helping animals go through rehabilitation and then watching them get released back into their natural habitats. My favorite things to do at Wild Care is: feeding the baby birds and taking care of the turtles!

We would like to thank the Kelley Foundation for funding Wild Care's 2020 Internship Program.

**Please consider making a [Donation](#) today,
We need you as much as you need us!**



Nickerson Staying cool at the WC table at Hydrangea Fest 2020
Photo by Judy Bullard



Garv checking out his signature T-shirt!



Host & Professional Gardner Pamela
Phipps with Amy Sanders &
Nickerson



A peek into Pamela's backyard gardens!
Photo by Kerry Reid



Amy Sanders introducing Garv to some
Hydrangea Fest attendees
&
Hydrangeas in the sun!
Photos by Kerry Reid



Volunteer Spotlight

By Stephanie Ellis, Executive Director

This month, we'd like to highlight two very special brothers - Bob and Joel Bullard. Both are actively involved with Wild Care, and collectively manage over 30 of Wild Care's donation boxes at local businesses on Cape Cod! Joel has been collecting donations from our boxes for almost 6 years, and Bob has been collecting for 4 years.

We are extremely grateful to both of them for



Volunteer Joel Bullard



Volunteer Bob Bullard

continuing to collect donations from the boxes located at local businesses deemed "essential services" that have stayed open during COVID. Joel and Bob have been extremely careful, wearing masks and gloves at all times.

From Joel Bullard: "We realize it is an important cash stream for the organization. People have been quite generous for boxes of the stores that are open."

We'd like to give a big THANK YOU to Joel and Bob, and to ALL of our collections volunteers. Last year, our donation boxes brought in close to \$10,000! Thank you also to all of the local businesses who have allowed us to keep our donation boxes at their place of business, during COVID.

Wild Care is Good, But Real Parents Are Best. *Trust me.*



By Jennifer Taylor.
Animal Care Coordinator

An unexpected adventure of trust started when a couple of friends visited a park in Arlington. They watched Eastern Kingbirds contentedly feeding their fledgling babies when suddenly other birds (we suspect Blue Jays) began making a big raucous around them. A young Kingbird was now alone on the ground with blood on its breast.

Thankfully these friends already had plans to drive to the Cape that day for the weekend. They carefully collected the bird and brought it directly to Wild Care. Leah listened to their story, brought the bird inside and examined it. Much to everyone's relief the "bloodstain" was actually only berry juice! Kingbirds like berries. While our rescuers were relieved, they also felt badly about their mistake and taking the fledgling away from its home. Leah explained that the best thing for the bird would be to place it back with its family ASAP.

Wild Care is a good option for a true orphan but *there is no comparison to what the real parents will provide!* It sounded like a simple solution...

Full Story (Our Eastern Kingbird, photo by Leah Myrbeck)

A Few Of Our Patients



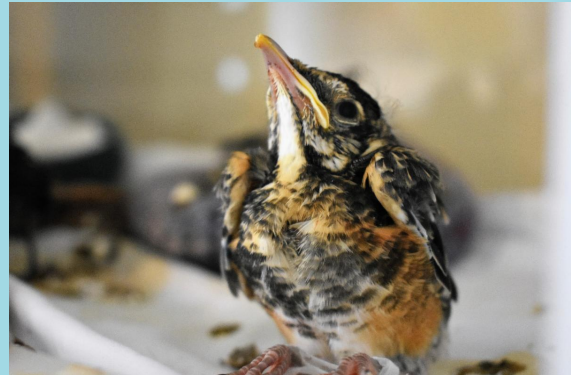
*Blue Jay nestling
Photo by Kerry Reid*



*American Robin & Gray Catbird nestlings
Photo by Kerry Reid.*



*Fledgling Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Photo by Kerry Reid.*



*Nestling American Robin
Photo by Kerry Reid.*



*Baby Bird Feeding Time!
Intern Courtney Buff. Photo by Kerry Reid.*



Attracting Native Birds to your Backyard - Pandemic Edition!

July 23rd beginning at 3:00pm

[Click Here For More Information](#)

Eastern Bluebird Photo: Peter Trull



Preventing Wildlife Casualties From Rodenticides, Lead & Fishing Debris

July 30th beginning at 3:00pm

[Click Here For More Information](#)

Osprey with fishing lure. Photo by Paul Smith.



Want To Help While You Shop?

We would be grateful if you used our [Smile](#) account through Amazon! There is no additional cost to you, but there is a nice donation to Wild Care!

If you are already a customer of Amazon and have already registered us as your charity, don't forget every time you shop to go to <https://smile.amazon.com>, instead of their standard site.

You Can Now Shop Amazon Smile Through Your Phone App!

And don't forget to take a look at our [Amazon Wish List Here](#)



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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. We have 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.

