

Wild Care's Duck Tales Monthly E-News

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Director's Message • November 2020

'Tis the season, for seabirds.

With migration under way and several recent wind events, we've been getting lots of seabirds. Common Eider, Surf Scoter, Black Scoter and Northern Gannets. Soon, the winter storms will also bring Alcids to our door. These are the murre, Razorbills, puffins and their relatives. (We just received the first Dovekie of the season!)



While we never want to see birds sick or injured, it is delightful to work with all of these beautiful species, which are also symbolic of a changing season.

There is something rather magical about seabirds. To think that many of these species are arriving from arctic lands, to winter off *our* Atlantic shores. What we consider icy seas and an inhospitable environment, is a food-rich and welcomed respite for them. It is an environment that is substantially more favorable than the place from which they have just arrived.

"Seabirds somehow cross the boundary between the matter-of-fact and the imagined. Theirs is the realm both of enlargement and of uncertainty, in which the nature of things is unreliable and in doubt." Author, Adam Nicolson.

We receive seabirds primarily because they are weakened or disoriented by storms, entangled in fishing gear, polluted by oil, some are diseased, some are shot... Regardless of their ailments, we will get lots of ocean-faring birds back out on the

water this fall and winter to live out their long lives.

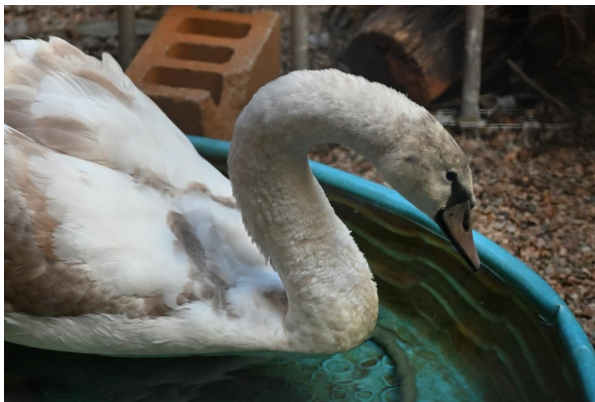
*We are grateful for your support which enables these tales from the sea.
(Northern Gannet photo by Kerry Reid.)*

Executive Director, *Stephanie*

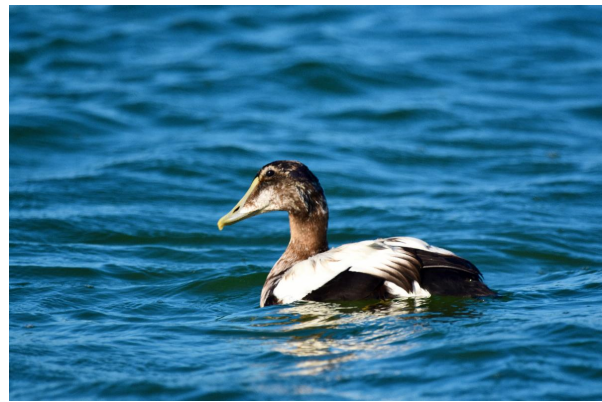
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*Great Horned Owl - Recovering from Rodenticide Poisoning.
Photo By Kerry Reid*



*Mute Swan
Photo By Kerry Reid*



*Common Eider - Released!
Photo By Kerry Reid*

Finally Fully Feathered!

By **Jennifer Taylor**
Animal Care Coordinator • Internship Coordinator



(Scoter Photo By Kerry Reid)

In mid August we received a call from Provincetown about a duck in need of care. It was found stranded on the beach off of Commercial Street by a very concerned family. They had already correctly identified it as a Surf Scoter when they called Wild Care. It was a sad little duck, thin and frightened. Somehow all of its flight feathers and tail feathers had been broken. It was such an odd situation. There were no wounds or fractures. We gave him fluids and warmth and proceeded with some research. We looked up molting times for this species, in hopes that nature would take its course of shedding and replacing these feathers, without us intervening. Surf Scoters naturally molt all of their flight late July to mid-August.



Well, we treated the bird for dehydration and emaciation and built up his strength. The rescuers called frequently for updates. As time passed, the broken feathers remained, and it was clear they needed to be removed in order to grow back immediately - a practice that is challenging to do, but very effective.

Dr. John Kelley, DVM and his assistant Emily of Eastham Veterinary Hospital did the deed in early September with the bird under anesthesia. They pulled out the scoter's broken wing and tail feathers...

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Wing Photo: Jennifer Taylor

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Karen Boujoukos

By Volunteer Coordinator & Wildlife Rehabilitator
Kate Rollenhagen Diggs, CVT

Wild Care is grateful for our volunteers!

We wouldn't survive without them. This month, we'd like to highlight outstanding volunteer, ***Karen Boujoukos***.

Karen started volunteering at Wild Care just over two years ago and since then she has become a vital part of the team, whether it's in the clinic helping maintain order, caring for the baby birds in the summer, or being part of our rescue program. She is always willing to fill in shifts when needed, and helps show new volunteers the ropes. She and her husband Arthur are also so giving when Wild Care has fundraisers! We are so appreciative of everything that Karen brings to Wild Care, including her kind and



compassionate nature, and willingness to help out in any way she can.

Karen is a wonderful volunteer - Thank you Karen for all you do for us!

Week Of Giving!

We are thrilled to have been chosen by [dune jewelry](#) as a participant for their week of giving!

Shop their amazing collections from **November 29th - December 5th** and 15% of orders will be given to Wile Care and 5 other charities!



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The Compass Ornament is handcrafted with Howlite and Mother of Pearl to promote Peace, Prosperity, and Positivity.

(And who doesn't need more of that this year?)
Happy Shopping!

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Thank You Nauset Disposal!

Thank you Shawn, Kara, and the great team at Nauset Disposal for your generosity!

Being chosen as a beneficiary of this



year's virtual [Trash Bash](#), we had no idea what to expect. To say receiving \$4,500 was a surprise is an understatement. We are humbled and sincerely grateful. Thank you for your ongoing support for Wild Care and for all of the great communities on the Cape!

GIVINGTUESDAY

December 1, 2020

#GIVINGTUESDAY is around the corner!
Watch your emails for updates on how you can help us meet
(or exceed!) our goal on December 1st!

Save The Date!



A Wild Winter Night In

A VIRTUAL EVENT & AUCTION FOR WILD CARE

Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 5:30pm



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Featuring the

Women of Wildlife

Highlighting the work of 3 incredible women on Cape Cod, and their efforts to preserve wildlife populations.

CYNTHIA WIGREN of Atlantic White Shark Conservancy,
KATHY ZAGZEBSKI, of National Marine Life Center, **PRIYA PATEL** of Birdsey Cape Wildlife Center — *A Program of the New England Wildlife Centers* — and closing remarks with Our Executive Director, **STEPHANIE ELLIS**.

Be on the look out for ticket information & your chance to purchase a "Party in a Pail" all to benefit Wild Care's continuing work.

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