

# Wild Care's Duck Tales Monthly E-News

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## Director's Message • Lucky Ducks! • June 2021

*Wild Care Friends,*

### ***WILD CARE MADE WAY FOR DUCKLINGS!***

On Saturday June 5th, I embarked on an adventure that I will never forget. I had been waiting 3 weeks for a Mallard nest to hatch, on a 4-story rooftop garden deck in the North End of Boston. The duck had laid eggs in a plant pot. My goal was to move them to the closest body of water as a family unit on hatch day. On Saturday morning, I was able to catch the mom, and Wildlife Rehabilitator [Claudia Biddle-Travis](#), of [Golden Bough Wildlife, Inc.](#), and homeowner Dr. Frank Campo and his partner Paul Scannell scooped up all the ducklings. The event was not without the unexpected. But, I am thrilled to report that the family was successfully moved to a quiet segment of the Charles River.



Thank you to Dr. Frank Campo. Your kindness knows no boundaries. And huge thanks to Claudia. Claudia was our eyes and ears on the ground, checking on the nest and the deck layout regularly, and she selected the best possible nearby release site. This success would not have been possible without Claudia, Frank and Paul's extraordinary kindness. It truly takes a village to move a duck family.

Success stories like these are made possible thanks to YOUR support!

*Love ducklings? Tune in to our Virtual Wild Baby Shower this Saturday June 26th*

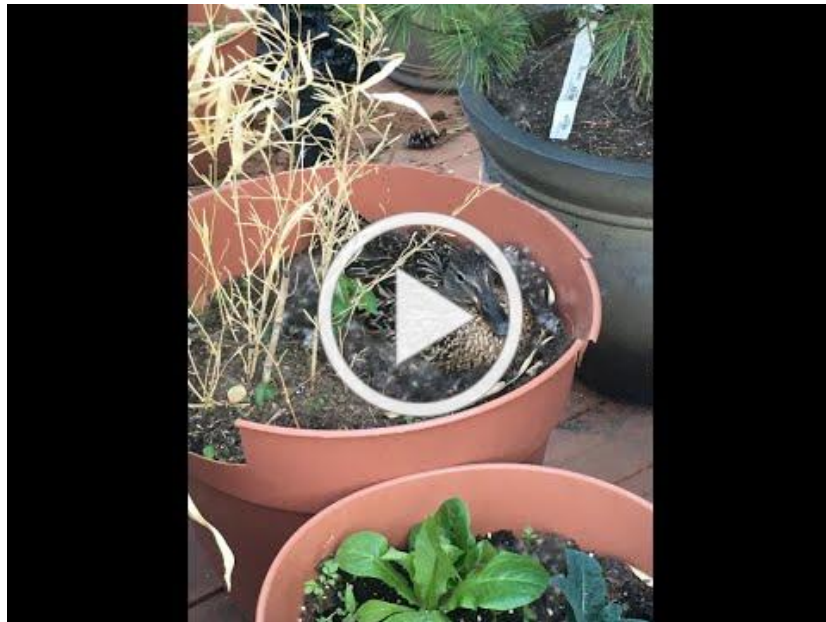
*for a sneak peek of Wild Care behind the scenes.*

[Schedule here](#)

*(You do not have to have a Facebook account to join us.)*

Happy Summer,  
Executive Director, ***Stephanie***

*Video & Images By Frank Campo*





# *You're Invited!*

To Our Virtual Wild Baby Shower!  
Saturday June 26th from 10am to 1pm

Drop a “baby” gift off to our  
staff in our driveway & be entered to  
win a basket of goodies!

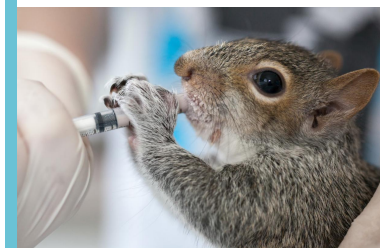
Then watch our Facebook page  
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# Intern Spotlight!

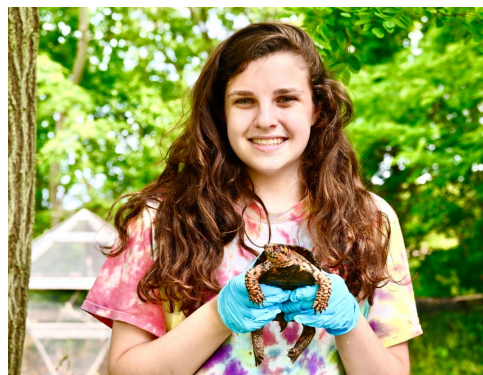
## Meet Sami!

### Where do you go to school?

WashU in St Louis

### What year are in? What are you studying?

I'm a rising junior. I'm a double major in biology and anthropology, with a minor in Spanish, and hopes to go to vet school after undergrad!



### Why did you choose Wild Care for an internship?

I work with dogs and cats while at school, and wanted a chance to have hands on experience with other types of animals. I also think Wild Care's mission is amazing- it's really important to protect our wildlife. Especially since humans have made such an impact on the environment and ecosystem which can cause so much harm, I think it's important to give back to these animals by trying to protect and rehabilitate them.

### What is your favorite part of the internship so far?

Learning about all the different birds! I never really thought I'd be a bird person, but now I'm proud to say I've gotten pretty good at identifying the different types, and I've definitely gotten attached to. *(Photo by Kerry Reid)*



## Meet Aliya!

### Where do you go to school?

I go to Worcester State University.

### What year are in? What are you studying?

I am in my fourth year studying biology with a minor in chemistry and psychobiology.

### Why did you choose Wild Care for an internship?

I wanted to come to Wild Care to learn how to identify different species, hand feed animals, conduct blood work and how to read the results. Also to medicate animals, wrap and splint fractured limbs, and to release animals back

to their homes.

### What is your favorite part of the internship so far?

My favorite part about the internship so far is to be able to handle so many injured wild animals and take care of them until they are healthy enough to be released back into the wild. *(Photo by Kerry Reid)*

## Meet Abbey!



**Where do you go to school?**

University of Georgia

**What year are in?**

Junior

**What are you studying?**

Applied Biotechnology and Ecology (Pre-Vet)

**Why did you choose Wild Care for an internship?**

I am hoping to become a veterinarian in the future, so I am always looking for an opportunity to work with animals. I have only worked in small animal veterinary clinics in the past, so I wanted to learn about wildlife species.



**What is your favorite part of the internship so far?**

My favorite part of the internship so far has been meeting all of the species that live on the Cape, particularly opossums and snapping turtles! *(Photo by Kerry Reid)*

***Thank you to the Cape Cod 5 Foundation and the Virginia Wellington Cabot Foundation for funding our Internship Program 2021.***

**Please consider making a donation today and help us save more lives!**

### ***Migratory Bird Treaty Act: What is it, and Why is it Important?***

***Adventures of a Volunteer. By Amy Sanders***

It's been another quiet month for this volunteer, at least in terms of crazy stories. I did pilot a new talk based on my previously written about stories, fed baby birds, and did quite a bit of communications, but none of these activities make a fun story, so when I queried what I might write about this month, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, and its implications, was suggested. It's come up in a variety of situations this month so it was high on many of our minds.



First of all, in context it's often referred to by Wild Care, and other wildlife rehabbers as the MBTA, which can make many of us scratch our heads wondering what Boston's transportation system has to do with anything. So, it might help you to keep in mind the context when you hear MBTA in any wildlife conversation. It has absolutely nothing to do with transportation in Boston!

So, what exactly is this treaty? Stated simply, it's a treaty signed amongst several countries to protect migratory birds from exploitation by people. It is currently federal law in the US, Canada, Mexico, Japan and Russia. From the USFWS: "*The MBTA provides that it is unlawful to pursue, hunt, take, capture, kill, possess, sell, purchase, barter, import, export, or transport any migratory bird, or any part, nest, or egg or any such bird, unless authorized under a permit issued by the Secretary of the Interior...*"

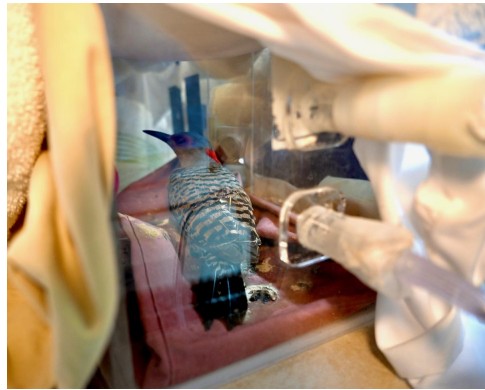
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*American Robin nest, Orleans. Photo by Leo Seletsky.*

## *Flight Of A Flicker*

***By Jennifer Taylor, Animal Care Coordinator & Internship Coordinator***

Our Office Admin Kerry, rushed to Wild Care last week with a bird that had just struck a window at her house. It was a female Northern Flicker. She knew there were babies up in a hollow part of a tree in her yard. She told us she has been watching this pair of Flickers since April - from witnessing them mating, to seeing the male bringing the female food while she brooded their eggs, to frantically flying back and forth with beaks full of bugs to feed the babies all day long. When she heard the SMACK on the window, she knew it was a bird, but it was heartbreaking when she saw who the bird was.



The bird was in shock. It had obvious head trauma and a very swollen eye. Leah immediately placed her into the Oxygen tank and we all knew there was not much hope for this mother woodpecker. Thank goodness, or I should say thank all of our generous donors who have equipped us with our Oxygen machines!

[\*\*Read More Here\*\*](#)

*The Northern Flicker in oxygen chamber. Photo By Kerry Reid.*

## ***New Volunteer Coordinator***

We are thrilled to announce that Rebecca, our current Director of marketing Outreach & Events has accepted the additional position of Volunteer Coordinator!

*"I am thrilled to be able to support Wild Care even more through our volunteer program. Our*





*volunteers make it possible for us to take as many animals as we do each season. We really could not do everything that we do without them and I am excited to jump into this important part of our organization. I also want to say a huge thank you to Rachel, our interim coordinator - she did an amazing job!"*

Rebecca grew up in Orleans and truly loves the Cape. Having worked in both the for-profit and not-for-profit sectors she brings with her over 18 years of experience! Rebecca is a passionate supporter of animals, local businesses and the arts; and has been onstage in local theaters for over 30 years! (Be on the lookout for a Wild

Care benefit coming soon!)

Rebecca works with many local nonprofits and currently resides on the Lower Cape with her family and 2 gorgeous cats.

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