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News For Our Peeps

Hi Everybirdie!

We would like to extend our gratitude to all of the considerate finders who brought in wild birds in need of care in January 2021. It is always a pleasure meeting kind-hearted people.

Thank you for supporting our good cause.

We took in 10 birds in January

- 1 CARDINAL
- 2 AMERICAN GOLDFINCHES
- **1 BROWN THRASHER**
- 2 WARBLERS
- 1 MOURNING DOVE
- **2 TREE SWALLOWS**
- 1 CEDAR WAXWING
- 5 died, 3 were released and 2 are pending.









Our mission is to educate and promote a responsible concern for the preservation and conservation of native songbirds and migratory birds through our efforts of rescue, rehabilitation and release.

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Look what YOU've done!

Thanks to supporters of our 2020 fundraiser campaign for Giving Tuesday, we are making progress on our goal of additional housing for the birds.

Your kind gifts totaling \$2,205.00 have been used primarily for the addition/ improvement of short and long term housing for the ill, injured and orphaned birds at our facility.

We're updating an existing 12x14 utility building and added on an 8'x16'x8' mixed-use rehabilitation aviary.

We hope we've made you proud of how we used these campaign funds. **The passion** and care of supporters like YOU is how we are able to provide these necessities in order to increase the chances of release and survival of our federally protected feathered friends.

Click here to watch the special videos we made to show our progress.

Work is ongoing and additional funds are needed to update the interior of the utility building.

We hope to be able to bring in electrical and water hook-ups.

If you are interested in donating towards this goal, please click here.

Take a closer look.















Great News! Our BabyWarm Incubator has been fully funded!



We would like to thank each and every donor who made it possible for us to receive our very own Baby Warm incubator!

This incubator will be a lifesaver for the 400+ injured and orphaned birds we receive annually.

To learn more about the Baby Warm Organization and the good work they do for rehabbers, click <u>here</u>.

Thank you all for your giving spirit and generosity.

- Julie Rabalais Founder/Director - For The Birds of Acadiana

Are you or is someone you know interested in learning more about becoming a Wildlife Rehabilitator? CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE



LDWF's Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit Program regulates the rehabilitation of injured and/or orphaned wildlife in Louisiana. The goal of the program is to place injured and/or orphaned wildlife in the temporary care of permitted wildlife rehabilitators until the animals can be successfully returned to the wild.

You must have a **Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit** to rehabilitate wildlife in Louisiana. To obtain a permit, you must have knowledge of

wildlife behavior, habitat, diet, and other species-specific needs. You must possess and demonstrate the skills necessary to properly rehabilitate and release native species in Louisiana.

Wildlife rehabilitation requires training and considerable commitment. Permit applicants should consider the amount of time, effort, and costs associated with caring for wildlife.

Recent releases and intakes



Click to watch
Northern
Cardinal Release



<u>Click here to see</u> <u>photos of the</u> <u>latest intakes</u>



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Shop for a Cause.

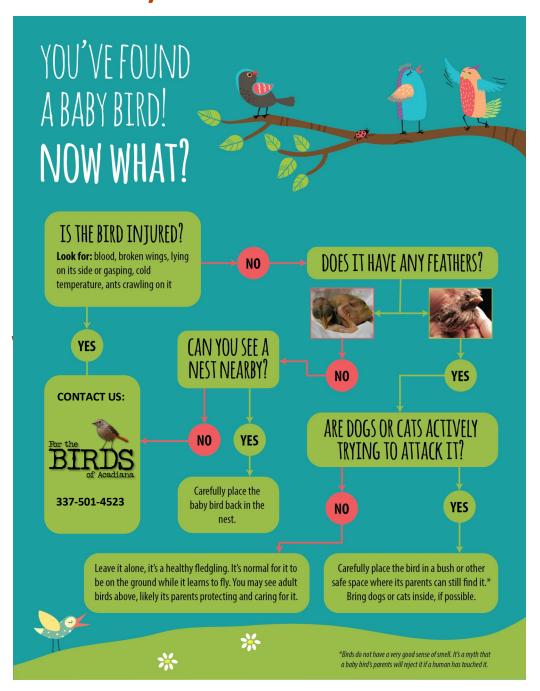




All proceeds go directly to the care of injured and orphaned wild songbirds at our facility providing medical care, food and housing for 400+ patients admitted annually. Your support will help save a wild life!

Click here to browse our online gift shop.

When you should and should not rescue baby birds...



It's against the law to raise wild birds in captivity! - Even if you plan to release them later.

Federal and State laws protect wild birds, making it illegal to raise or rehabilitate wild birds if you do not have a license and permits.