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News For Our Peeps

Happy New Year, Everybirdie!

We would like to extend our gratitude to all of the considerate finders who brought in wild birds in need of care in 2020. It was a pleasure meeting so many kind-hearted people. Thank you for supporting our good cause.

We are sharing our year-end 2020 intake/release numbers with you below.

Overall, we had a positive outcome for 43% of our patients in our first year of operation.

A positive outcome includes patients that recovered well enough to be released or were transferred to another facility for continued care.

We took in 56 different species of birds!

The majority of our intakes were orphaned nestlings. The top 3 species we took in were Carolina Wrens, Blue Jays and Chimney Swifts. Many of the Dove intakes were a result of Hurricanes Laura and Delta.

Cardinals, Mockingbirds and the non-native House Sparrow also made the list of the top species of intakes for 2020.

2020 YEAR END REPORT AS OF 12/31/2020

TOTAL INTAKES 471

TRANSFERRED IN	10
NON-NATIVE	79
HATCHLINGS	18
NESTLINGS.....	177
FLEDGLINGS.....	129
ADULTS.....	147
ORPHANED	238
KNOWN CAT ATTACKS.....	47
OTHER INJURIES	141
DISEASED.....	67

RELEASED	198
DIED	237
DOA.....	14
EUTHANIZED	12
TRANSFERRED OUT.....	3
PENDING	7

56 DIFFERENT SPECIES

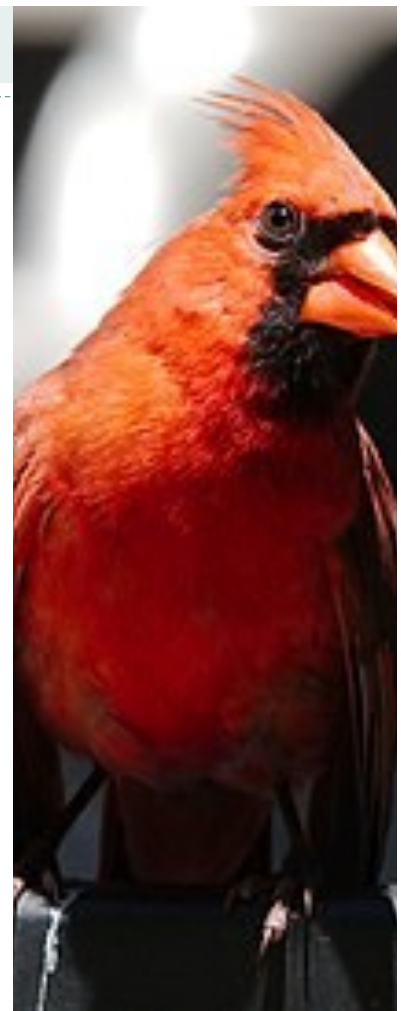
TOP 12 SPECIES

CARW (Carolina Wren)	40
BLJA (Blue Jay)	39
COSW (Common Swift)	37
MODO (Mourning Dove)	36
HOSP (House Sparrow).....	32
NOMO (Northern Mockingbird)	27
WWDO (White Wing Dove).....	24
ROPI (Rock Pigeon)	24
NOCA (Northern Cardinal).....	23
EUST (European Starling)	17
BRTH (Brown Thrasher)	16
RTHU (Ruby Throated Hummingbird).....	15

56% DIED

43% RELEASED

1% 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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Giving Tuesday Campaign Results



Thank you for supporting our fundraiser campaign for Giving Tuesday. Your kind gifts totaling \$2,105.00 will be used primarily for the addition/improvement of short and long term housing for the ill, injured and orphaned birds at our facility. **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.**

We hope to make you proud of how we use these campaign funds. **Keep an eye out for updates on the impact of your Giving Tuesday donation in the coming months**, along with other ways to get involved in our mission to educate and promote a responsible concern for the preservation of native songbirds and migratory birds through our efforts of rescue, rehabilitation and release.

"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away" - Pablo Picasso

Thank you to ALL of our thoughtful donors and those who purchased items from our online gift store in 2020.

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Giving Spotlight

A very special THANK YOU to **Courtney Allis** and her children for the time, talent and care they put into making this mealworm farm for us!

We are grateful for you, Courtney!



Julie Rabalais & Courtney Allis



Can you help me get my own *Baby Warm* Incubator?



Great news!

My story has been featured by the non-profit organization, *BabyWarm*. They do just one thing - they help raise funds to buy high quality incubators for wildlife rehabbers like me!

Baby bird season will soon be here! **Keeping baby birds warm can be the difference between life and death -- just *one* incubator can save the lives of *hundreds* of birds.**

BabyWarm incubator campaigns are designed to let people give as much or as little as they can afford - and every dollar of the tax deductible donations goes toward an incubator.

There are TWO ways YOU can help me get an incubator:

1. Make a tax deductible donation towards my incubator here:
<https://www.babywarm.org/projects/julie-r/>
2. Share the link.

No amount is too small and you can watch the progress as I get closer to reaching my goal. Of course we'd love it if you could donate but even if you can't, please share this link with any of your friends who might be interested: <https://www.babywarm.org/projects/julie-r/>

Thanks for helping me keep the baby birds warm!

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

Recent Releases



American Coot Release



Warbler Release

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Looking Ahead....

education

One of our goals for 2021 is to provide in-depth public education on when birds should or should not be rescued and how to properly *and legally* proceed should a bird be deemed needing rescue.

We will do this by sharing informative articles from trusted sources including State and Federal Fish/Wildlife resources and through in-person public educational presentations.

If you would like to book us for an educational presentation - Call us at 337-501-4523 or email us: forthebirdsofacadiana@gmail.com



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

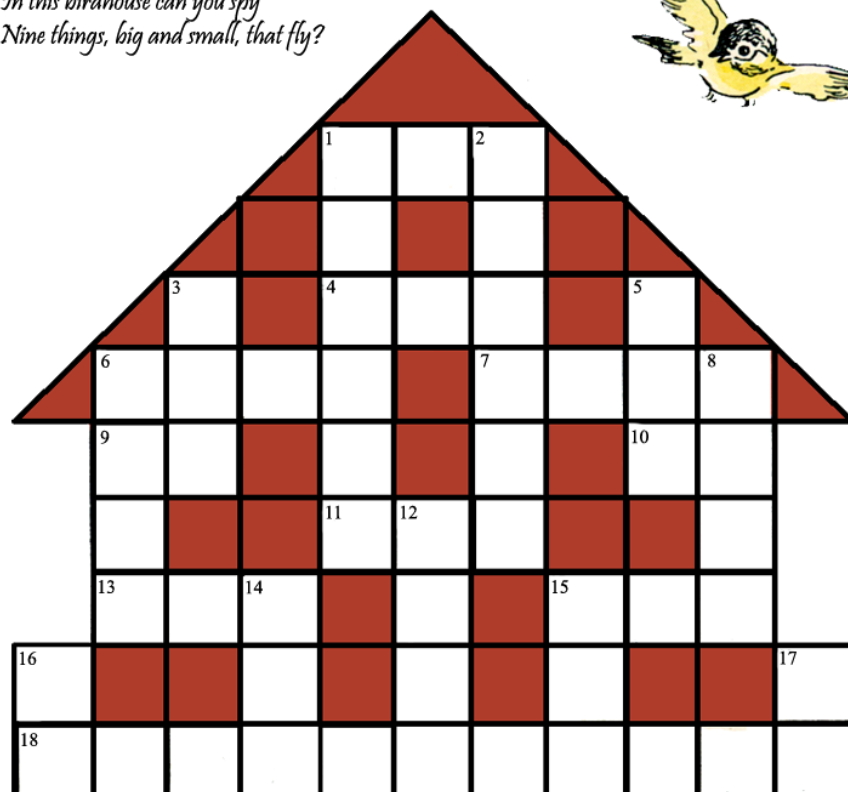


**It's against the law to raise wild birds in captivity!
- Even if you plan to release them later.**

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.

PRINTABLE CROSSWORD FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES! BIRDHOUSE FUN

*In this birdhouse can you spy
Nine things, big and small, that fly?*



ACROSS

1. A chickadee wears a black - - - on its head.
4. This household pet sometimes climbs trees after birds.
6. What bird lives in the meadow and has a clear, sweet song?
7. This European bird is like our crow.
9. There are four speckled eggs - - the nest.
10. The mother bird sits - - the eggs.
11. What bird goes "whoo, whoo" at night?
13. This flies, but it is not a bird. It lives in a hive.
15. This looks like a bird when it flies, but it is not a bird.
18. A tiny bird whose wings make a soft, buzzing sound.

DOWN

1. This bird says its name.
2. A small, black-and-white sea bird with long wings.
3. A peacock can spread its tail like a - - -.
5. What sound does a pigeon make?
6. Part of a tree birds perch on.
8. The cardinal has a top - - - - on his head.
12. This little songbird often builds its nest near a house.
14. A graceful shade tree where some birds nest.
16. An exclamation of delight when you see a pretty bird.
17. A boy named - - has a canary.

Answers will be published in next month's newsletter.

KIDS COLORING AND RESEARCH FEATURE



NORTHERN CARDINAL

NAME: _____

AGE: _____

HOMETOWN: _____



PARENTS: Print this page for your child/children to color.

BONUS: Have them research and write a short paragraph or poem about the bird featured.

Mail completed pictures and paragraphs to: For The Birds of Acadiana 220 CAMBRIDGE DR. LAFAYETTE, LA 70503

We will feature the pictures and paragraphs received on our Facebook, Instagram Pages and in future Newsletters.