



Rocky Mountain
RAPTOR
Program
a second chance at freedom

2015 Annual Report

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Director's Message

Judy Scherpelz

Executive Director

Out of thousands of charities across the globe, I am honored that you have chosen to support the Rocky Mountain Raptor Program. Every life saved is a life you have protected and cherished.

I want you to see what your contribution does on a daily basis. You are more than just a check in the mail: you are the reason an injured raptor has a second chance at life, the reason a child understand the grandeur of nature the first time, and the reason we can further our knowledge of raptors and conservation.

This document will show you a summary of our successes—by “our” I include you, for none of these accomplishments would occur without you.

We are going to follow the story of one young Great Horned Owl rescued by the RMRP. I hope by telling you his story, you will see exactly how important you are to the day-to-day mission of rehabilitation, education, and research.

Warmest Regards,

Judy



Inspiring the appreciation and protection of raptors and the spaces where they live through excellence in rehabilitation, education, and research.

A Brief History

The Rocky Mountain Raptor Program began in 1979 when veterinary students at Colorado State University's (CSU) Veterinary Teaching Hospital cared for an injured hawk.

In 1987, the University hired Judy Scherpelz to expand the student club into a self-sustaining, community-based program. It became a nonprofit organization in 2003 and separated from CSU in late 2006.

The RMRP retains close ties to the clinicians at CSU, who perform the more complex procedures and surgeries some of our patients require. Our Rehabilitation Director, Gail Kratz, meets every week with our supervising clinicians to ensure each patient has a perfected course of treatment. We also maintain close working relationships with various departments at CSU to provide internships, service learning opportunities, and presentations in courses throughout the university.



Though rehabilitation was the initial focus, it became apparent that education and research would be essential to complementing the mission.

The years have seen a great evolution of the education program. It began as a handful of permanently disabled birds, dubbed Educational Ambassadors, and a small number of informational programs. It has expanded to dozens of Educational Ambassadors spreading our message during hundreds of presentations each year.

Research has an ever-expanding roll to further the knowledge base of not only the RMRP but those entities we work with. Each year sees the addition of more research to help find solutions to the problems facing today's raptor populations.

Cornerstones of a Mission

Rehabilitation

Seeing a raptor fly back into its natural environment is awe-inspiring, encouraging us to carry on. We have been widely recognized for providing an excellent standard of care.

Our staff has more than 75 years of combined experience in healing raptors. Our close relationship with CSU is extremely valuable as they also provide diagnostics, medical procedures and surgery for our more challenging cases.

A Second Chance at Freedom is the goal of every admission.

Education

We know our educational programs are essential to the health of our community and the environment. We present nearly 200 days of environmental education programs and public outreach exhibits in the region each year.

Through these efforts, people learn about the importance of conserving raptors, wildlife, and wild places.

These programs inform and educate thousands of audience members, who also experience the awe of seeing these inspirational birds at arm's length.

Research

We believe we must learn as much as we can about the raptors we care for and the diseases and hazards that affect them in the hope to find solutions.

The large number of injured raptors we see provides for the ongoing collection and analysis of data.

Raptors are an important part of our environment, and as the top of the food chain, they are key indicators of the health of their surrounding ecosystem. By studying them, we discover the presence of toxic substances, hazards, and diseases, and potential solutions.

Another Story Begins



**Against all odds,
all three babies
were alive.**

Owl Family Takes a Tumble After Their Home is Cut Down

It was an accident – while trying to trim a tree in the early spring, a surprised resident was ambushed by a large owl swooping at his head. The rotting branch he was separating from the tree fell to the ground...and small chirps started up a distraught chorus.

The shocked gardener had cut down a Great Horned Owl nest that had been hidden inside the old tree branch. Unsure of how to help the now distressed family, he called the RMRP.

RMRP Rehabilitation Coordinator Mike Tincher raced out to the site and began to search through the wreckage in hopes that the family had survived.

Against all odds, all three babies were alive.

It's a story we relive almost every day of the year. This is but one example of the types of rescues our staff and volunteers respond to.

2015 Rehabilitation Statistics

Admission Species and Numbers

Great Horned Owl	91
Red-tailed Hawk	44
Swainson's Hawk	33
American Kestrel	29
Common Barn Owl	12
Cooper's Hawk	11
Ferruginous Hawk	6
Sharp-shinned Hawk	5
Bald Eagle	4
Burrowing Owl	4
Merlin	4
Osprey	3
Prairie Falcon	3
Mississippi Kite	2
Eastern Screech Owl	1
Golden Eagle	1
Long-eared Owl	1
Peregrine Falcon	1
Rough-legged Hawk	1
Short Eared Owl	1

Total Number of Admissions: 257

Rescue Cities

Colorado:

Akron
Ault
Bellvue
Berthoud
Briggsdale
Crook
Eaton
Firestone
Fort Collins
Fort Morgan
Gill
Greeley
Grover
Haxton
Jelm
Johnstown
Kersey
LaSalle
Livermore
Loveland
Mead
Milliken

New Raymer

Nunn
Platteville
Roggen
Severance
Sterling
Wellington
Windsor
Wray
Yuma

Wyoming:

Cheyenne
Saratoga

Types of Injuries

and Numbers

(Categories are not mutually exclusive)

Fracture	98
Emaciation	53
Head/Spinal Trauma	52
Hit by Vehicle	24
Orphaned (no injury)	22
Window Strike	13
High Voltage Trauma	12
West Nile Virus	11
Barbed Wire	9
Caught by Cat	7
Lead Positive	4
Gunshot	3
Oiled	2
Methane Burner	1

The total number of Bird Care Days in 2015 was 8694.

For every day a bird is cared for by the RMRP, we count it as a "Bird Care Day." The total number of Bird Care Days is calculated from the day the bird arrives to the day it is released back to the wild, or is humanely euthanized due to its injuries.



Photograph by Gina Bare



Above: Baby owls recover after their nest was cut down.

Baby Owl Injured After Nest Was Destroyed

Three baby Great Horned Owls were rescued from a nest that had been accidentally cut down. Each baby was carefully examined, little wings flapped like tiny flippers – not even big enough to have feathers forming yet. Their little heads had some scrapes and bumps from their abrupt descent from the nest tree.

The third baby owl, however, hadn't come away quite as unscathed. His stocky little leg didn't tuck nicely underneath him, and upon exam we found that he had broken his leg in the fall. This little guy wasn't going to be able to return to his parents. He needed us, and we were now the only possibility he would have to grow up and return to the wild.

The two other baby Great Horned Owls were quick to recover from their tumble. With bellies full of mice and a few days to recover, they were returned to their parents. A new nest made from a large wicker basket was hoisted into a nearby tree.



Above: RMRP tries to reunite separated raptor families as often as possible.

Left: Baby Great Horned Owl is checked over after his nest was destroyed.



Above: Baby Great Horned Owl with a broken leg stands for the first time.

Below: After he was healed, the baby owlet was placed with a foster parent and owlets his own age so he could learn what it means to be a Great Horned Owl.

In 2015, Great Horned Owls Took Over the RMRP

Ninety-one Great Horned Owls came through the doors in need of our help in 2015. Twenty-three of them were youngsters that would need to grow up in our care either due to injury or being orphaned.

These young owls are a huge drain on resources. In terms of man power, food, space, and financial reserves these growing babies left us with little left over.

Babies like the one who was injured after his nest was cut down need even more of our help. He had a host of issues facing him, Not only his broken leg, but the concern of imprinting and conditioning. The amount of handling he would need to make sure his leg was cared for could make him far too familiar with humans. He needed to heal while also learning to be a wild owl.

The baby owl's leg offered its own set of problems. Since this nestling was growing so quickly, bandaging the leg could cause the bone to grow stunted. Too much movement could mean the broken bone wouldn't heal. Just like all the other patients in our care, his recovery would be a carefully choreographed ballet, making sure he had to best chance of survival.



When Humans and Wildlife Collide

RMRP Helps Raptors and People Who Struggle To Coexist Safely

It's a problem becoming more and more common as humans encroach upon areas once inhabited by wildlife—how do we all live together peacefully?

The answer is never simple. Sometimes, raptors who have been pushed to live in urban areas by ever-decreasing habitat are at odds with humans. Some species of raptor are extremely protective of their nests and young. This can lead to injury for the unaware people who come too close.

The RMRP responded to several incidents in 2015 where Great Horned Owls had nested in areas highly trafficked by people. This led to the adults dive bombing, and sometimes injuring, the passersby.



Above and Below: In 2015, the RMRP had to remove three nests of baby Great Horned Owls to keep both wildlife and humans safe. The babies were raised at the RMRP and released back to the wild.



RMRP works closely with the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife to monitor these nests. We provide advice as to how the situation can be resolved.

Sometimes, an area can be blocked off for a short time to allow the babies to grow up and disperse naturally. After the family has left, the nest will be removed or relocated to keep the family from encountering problems when next year's nesting season comes around.

Other times, the only option is to remove the nest to protect both humans and wildlife from injury. The RMRP received three nests of baby Great Horned Owls from these types of situations last year.

The babies from these nests are raised at the RMRP. Without their brood to care for, the parents will leave the problematic area. All the babies from nest removals in 2015 were released back to the wild.

Avian Influenza

A threat to raptors and the RMRP

What is Avian Influenza?

This disease is caused by a virus. It is carried by waterfowl, but these birds don't usually get sick from the disease.

When passed onto poultry and raptors, the virus causes severe illness, often resulting in death.

In 2014, the High Pathogen Avian Influenza strain came to the US from Asia through the Pacific Migration Flyway.

Due to the highly migratory nature of waterfowl and some raptors, the potential to spread far and wide is very high.

Raptors can be affected by coming in contact with feces from infected waterfowl or poultry, or by eating infected meat from waterfowl or poultry.

How did AI change the RMRP?

Lots of changes needed to go into effect immediately at the RMRP to protect the birds in our care.

Educational Ambassadors that were once housed at CSU's Environmental Learning Center had to be transferred to the main RMRP facility. The caging at the ELC would not keep the birds safe from infection from the flocks of waterfowl nearby.

This created a huge shortage of enclosures at the RMRP main facility. We needed to build and expand our caging immediately. We also had new biosecurity concerns. Steps needed to be taken to keep contamination out of our facility—biosecurity needed to increase.

Finally, we would lose a large portion of our food resource. We could no longer accept poultry and waterfowl donations to feed our patients due to the risk of infection.

The immediate cost of AI

What it took to upgrade the RMRP to be AI ready.

Biosecurity Upgrades:

Foot bath supplies	\$429.70
Disinfectant	\$2543.99
Disinfection supplies	\$1109.00
Gravel for paths	\$250.00

Enclosure Expansion:

Lumber and hardware	\$7486.04
Labor	\$1200.00

Total Immediate Costs:

\$13,018.73

The ongoing cost of Avian Influenza will continue to drain RMRP resources. This disease is here to stay, and we cannot relax in our vigilance to protect the raptors in our care.

Young Owls Grow Into Newly Built Enclosures

Just as the young owl with the broken leg was finishing up his healing, the new enclosure was being finished.

He was transferred into an enclosure with other orphaned owlets of the same age and a foster parent. The enclosure was created to be a jungle gym for baby Great Horned Owls, and the foster parent would act as a role model for the growing babies.

Below: Young owls grow strong in new flight enclosure.



All young owls are tested using live prey to make sure they will be able to hunt on their own in the wild. When he was ready, the young owl with the once-broken leg was prey tested. After passing his lessons, he was ready for release.

All twenty-three young owls that grew up at the RMRP had to be prey trained. They also had to be cared for from spring to autumn, just as their parents would care for them in the wild.

This is a huge strain on resources. Each youngster eats hundreds of pounds of food while they stay with us and needs lots of room to flight train. This causes a lack of enclosure space, even with the newly built enclosures.

In 2015 the RMRP went through 5700 pounds of food to feed our patients.

Left Top, Middle: Enclosure building in progress.

Left Bottom: Five young Great Horned Owls await their turn at live prey school.



Education & Outreach

Education

The Rocky Mountain Raptor Program's Education and Outreach programs are essential to the future health of our community and the environment.

Formal educational programs are delivered in schools, to children's groups (e.g. Boy Scouts and church groups) and adult and family groups (e.g., wildlife-interest groups, seniors, and public library programs).

Our programs at the public libraries in Fort Collins have become their best attended event. Education Director Carin Avila has a fan club that makes sure to never miss one of her educational programs.

Outreach

Both Education and Outreach programs teach about raptors and conservation, and enable audiences to experience the awe of seeing these inspiring birds at arm's length.

Our outreach program reaches tens of thousands of visitors to festivals all over Colorado. From Open Houses held at RMRP, to local farmer's markets, to huge festivals like the Boulder Creek Festival, the RMRP strives to reach as many people as possible to spread our message.

Being face-to-face with our Educational Ambassadors is a powerful motivation to learn more about conservation.

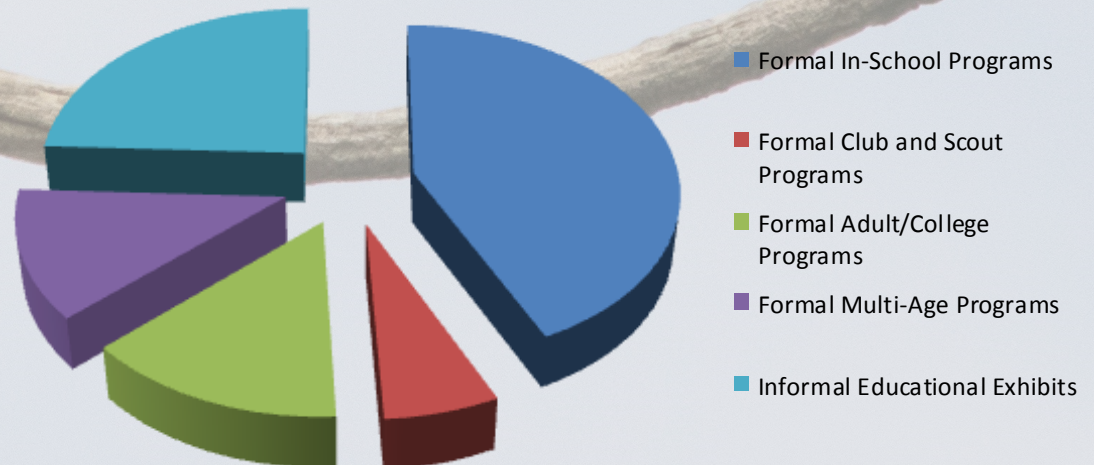
2015 Education & Outreach Statistics

Types of Programs and Numbers

Formal In-School Programs	76
Formal Club and Scout Programs	11
Formal Adult/College Programs	25
Formal Multi-Age Programs	22
Informal Educational Exhibits	43

**Total Number of
Education/Outreach Days: 177**

2015 Education and Outreach Numbers





Photograph by Josh Ellis

Education Saving Lives

The RMRP Education Program not only inspires children and adults alike to look deeper into their wild world, but it also has a practical impact on wildlife on a day-to-day basis.

We saw this in the case of the Great Horned Owls whose nest was cut down, injuring one of the youngsters. The home owners were so very glad that the RMRP was able to help reunite the family and help the injured baby, but they were also thankful for our ability to educate them on how to spot nests in the future so no other families would be disrupted.

Every day, someone calls the RMRP asking for information on raptors. Is the hawk in my backyard injured? Is the baby falcon going to be ok on his own? Is it normal to find a Bald Eagle on the ground?

The answers can help protect raptors and the public from potentially dangerous interactions.



Left Top: Great Horned Owl nests are at risk of being cut down in early spring. RMRP helps home owners identify nests and keep families safe.

Left Bottom: This Red-tailed Hawk was released in 2015 after taking two years to heal after being trampled in a feed lot.

2015 Research Projects

Research is a way for the RMRP to help increase the world's knowledge of raptors and the environment. We are involved in several ongoing projects, and we hope our contributions will continue to advance the conservation of raptors and the places they live.

Projects: (primary investigators listed in parenthesis)

- ◇ Prevalence of toxoplasma in raptors. (APHIS)
- ◇ Enhanced surveillance of West Nile Virus and Avian Influenza. (Nick Komar, CDC)
- ◇ Population structure and genetic diversity in American Kestrels. (Wommack)
- ◇ Measurement data supporting the ongoing study of the taxonomic status of the Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk. (Allen and Clarke)
- ◇ Data collection for raptor electrocutions, electric shock victims, and methane flare burner injuries. (Harness, EDM)
- ◇ Survey of lead levels in raptors of Colorado. (RMRP)
- ◇ Raptor carcasses are sent to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science to become a part of their tissue bank for genetic population studies.
- ◇ Effectiveness of raptor exclusion devices and supplemental perches to prevent raptor electrocutions. (EDM)
- ◇ West Nile Virus surveillance. (CDPHE)
- ◇ Wing measurements for dimension of raptors on electric utility poles (RMRP)

Papers:

- ◇ Effectiveness of Physical Therapy as an Adjunctive Treatment for Chronic Traumatically Induced Torticollis in Raptors. Benjamin Nevitt, DVM, Narda Robinson, DO, DVM, Gail Kratz, BS, and Matthew Johnston, VMD, Dipl. A.B.V.P. Avian; Published in the Journal of Avian Medicine Surgery
- ◇ Assessment of Hart Park Virus Association with Raptor Disease in Northern Colorado, Andrew Golnar, Gail Kratz, Erin Borland, Robert Lanciotte, and Nicholas Komar; In Review
- ◇ Testing a Supplemental Perch Designed to Prevent Raptor Electrocution on Electric Power Poles, James Dwyer, Michael Tincher, Rick Harness, and Gail Kratz; Published in Northwestern Naturalist
- ◇ Critical Dimensions of Raptors on Electric Utility Poles, James Dwyer, Gail Kratz, Rick Harness, Samantha Little, and Mike Tincher; Published in Journal of Raptor Research

2015 Income Report

Analysis of Income and Expenditures

RMRP Income & Expense Statement

Income	2014	2015
Individual Gifts	\$224,904	\$271,622
Grants	\$70,429	\$37,439
Corporate Support	\$6,145	\$2,432
Auction	\$61,682	\$73,960
Merchandise Sales	\$14,140	\$20,325
Education Fees	\$21,810	\$26,931
Special Projects/Misc	\$2,724	\$18,936
Loan to Restructure Debt	0	\$100,000
Total Income	\$423,674	\$537,399

Expenses	2014	2015
Rehabilitation & Research	\$205,214	\$213,490
Education	\$144,991	\$208,816
Fundraising	\$40,648	\$54,421
Program Administration	\$39,762	\$55,844
Total Expenses	\$430,615	\$532,571

Annual Surplus Deficit	\$28,289	\$5,075
Beginning Balance	\$35,410	\$7,141
ENDING BALANCE	\$7,141	\$12,216



Balance Sheet

December 31, 2015

Assets

Cash	\$67,455
Fixed (net of depreciation)	\$827
Land	\$1,209,696
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,277,978

Liabilities & Equity

Current Liabilities	\$3,526
Long Term Liabilities	\$1,009,600
Total Equity	\$264,852
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$1,277,978

Hope for the Future

In partnership with the top museum and wildlife habitat designers in the United States, Rocky Mountain Raptor Program plans to build a wildlife center in the Fort Collins area that will become a destination for children and families from all over Colorado and from around the world, a place where visitors can celebrate life and all living things.

We hope our future will continue to include those who have supported our mission in the past. The dream to create a place where people can connect with and learn about raptors cannot be realized without those who believe in taking steps to better the world.

With the help of our supporters, RMRP will continue to strive for excellence in rehabilitation, education and research.





Staff, Board and Volunteers

The dedication of these individuals, backed by the support of generous donors, has enabled the RMRP to become the leading raptor rescue and rehabilitation facility in the region.

Staff Members:

Judy Scherpelz, Executive Director
Lisa Winta, Assistant Director
Gail Kratz, Rehabilitation Director
Carin Avila, Education Director
Michael Tincher, Rehabilitation Coordinator
Lynsey Reed, Administration Associate
Carrie Laxson, Rehabilitation Associate
Jessica Miller, Education Associate
Bonnie Cleaver, Education Associate

Board Members:

Judy Scherpelz, President and CEO
Rick Snow
Todd Kerr
Dyanne Willow
Jerry Craig
John Reed

Volunteers:

250 volunteers donated 27400 hours to the RMRP in 2015. These volunteers are an invaluable resource that the RMRP thanks from the bottom of our hearts.

The 2015 Aerie Society

**The Aerie Society is a
cornerstone giving
community that
includes donors who
have given \$1000 or
more to the RMRP in
2015.**

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Open Skies

Open Skies recognizes donors who have supported the RMRP throughout its 28 year history.

\$100,000 +

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Mortimer Charitable Lead Trust
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\$50,000 +

Bernice Barbour Foundation
Elinor Patterson Baker Trust
August and Christel Pfeiffer
The Powell Foundation

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Carl and Judy Ferenbach

\$10,000 +

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Robert and Sue Taylor
Michael and Christine Thomas
Rebecca Van Pelt
Wild Birds Unlimited

The Legacy of Freedom Society

The Legacy of Freedom Society honors those donors who have chosen to give a future gift by including RMRP in their will to ensure their legacy will live on through the freedom of raptors.

Barbara and Bernie Alexy

Elizabeth A. Armour

Susan Baker and Stephen Scheid

Maxine Benjamin, DVM

Bob Bixler and Colleen Shannon

Cynthia Burdick

Amie and Benji Durden

Bob Francella

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Bob Janis

Barbara Jones

Rick Luebs

August and Christel Pfeiffer

Rebecca VanPelt

Vic and MC Reichman

Steve Ryder

Suzanne Westgaard

Lisa Winta





How You Can Help

By becoming a supporter of the RMRP, you can ensure the future of our mission. Supporters at every level build the base upon which we can build our program.

- ◇ **Donate Online:** Go to www.rmrp.org/donate to generate immediate resources for the RMRP. Donations of \$1000 or more qualify you to become a member of the *Aerie Society*.
- ◇ **Join the Legacy of Freedom Society:** By adding the RMRP to your will or estate, you can ensure a future for the creatures we care for in generations to come.
- ◇ **Become a Sponsor:** You can be a foundation for RMRP to stretch our message even further. Sponsorship opportunities are available for our photo calendar project and our annual gala dinner and benefit auction.
- ◇ **Wish List:** Such a huge endeavor as the RMRP uses a lot of resources. Can you fill some of our needs? You can find our current wish list online at www.rmrp.org/donate/wish-list.
- ◇ **Shop Smart:** By using iGive.com, Amazon Smile, or GoodShop you can ensure that your regular online shopping will also give back to your community. You can find links to these programs and more online at www.rmrp.org/donate/other-ways-to-help.
- ◇ **Become a Volunteer:** You can see what our volunteers do to aid the RMRP on a daily basis by checking out our volunteer program online.



Rocky Mountain
RAPTOR
Program
a second chance at freedom



This Swainson's Hawk was hit by a car in the spring of 2015. He was released back to the wild in the fall after many months of healing.

Thank you for your support that saved his life.