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*Photo by Gregory Duffner*

## The RMRP is LIVE

**Virtual Educational Presentations are Ready to Fly!**

We are so excited to start offering virtual Educational Programs! Thank you to everyone who helped us by donating gear, time, and knowledge to get us online!

With COVID canceling many events and festivals, you can bring the raptors right to you via the world wide web! Our virtual programs can be customized by subject, and include appearances by our beautiful Educational Ambassador Raptors.

**Look for public live-streams every week starting July 15 from 4-4:30pm.** You can sponsor a live-stream and get a really cool promotion for your business!



**To schedule a program contact Education Coordinator Jessica Miller at using our online request form. Visit our website at [www.rmrp.org](http://www.rmrp.org). Click on School & Organization Presentations, then click Education Information Request.**  
*Education Virtual programs start at just \$70/30 minute program!*

**KEEP IN TOUCH ONLINE: [WWW.RMRP.ORG](http://WWW.RMRP.ORG)**



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# It's Baby Season!



And Raining Red-tails...

## Summer of the Red-tailed Hawk

Check out these patients and learn their stories:



This adult Red-tailed Hawk was rescued in March. It suffered from a severe head injury, causing bleeding and swelling in the brain. This hawk was unable to control his body, causing the contortion seen above. After many intense days, weeks, and months of critical care and lots of support, this amazing survivor was returned to the wild in July!



These four baby Red-tailed Hawks (2 sets of 2 siblings) were rescued after dangerous storms destroyed their nests, and even killed their other siblings. Unable to be reunited with their family, they will grow up in the care of the RMRP and our foster parent Red-tailed Hawk. When they have grown and conquered mouse school, they will be returned to the wild.



This little Red-tailed hawk fell from its nest and suffered a minor green-stick fracture to its wing. It healed quickly, with lots of support and tasty food! It was reunited with its family a couple of weeks later, just in time to learn to fly!

**One day of food: \$6**  
**Wing bandages: \$25**  
**One hour of critical care: \$75**  
**When you support the RMRP,**  
**these raptors will receive a**  
**Second Chance at Freedom!**

# An Unusual Summer

And Yet, Some Things Never Change...



## Do You Miss RMRP? We Miss You.

**In-Person Education and Outreach Programs Grounded for Foreseeable Future**

Usually, this time of year is BUSY SEASON (yes, in all caps) for both our Education and Rehabilitation Departments. While our Rehabilitation Department is just as busy as ever, taking care of the caseload of injured and orphaned raptors, our Education and Outreach Department screeched to a stand-still with COVID cancelling nearly all of our usual events this summer.

The Education Department has taken this time to develop virtual programs, and they are ready to fledge! However, we now have a substantial financial deficit, as our outreach program is what funds the RMRP during the summer.

**Since March, we have lost nearly \$10,000 in revenue from Outreach. If the trend continues, we stand to lose over \$65,000 of support by the end of 2020, or almost 14% of our total operating budget.**



This Red-tailed Hawk rescued in June, received surgery for a broken wing. It is still healing and will hopefully return to the wild at the end of the summer.

Raptors need your help. There are many ways you can support these amazing creatures—although we'll miss you in person, we hope you can support us online!

### Save Lives at NO COST to You:



**Register Your King Soopers, City Market, or Kroger Card for Community Rewards**

To enroll: Access your account online. At the bottom of the page, under the “Community” heading, click on Community Rewards. Click the “Enroll Today” link and fill in the information for RMRP.



**Do Your Normal Online Shopping Using Amazon Smile:**

Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and login to your account. At the top of the page will be a link that says “Supporting”. Click the link to choose the RMRP!

**These little efforts make a HUGE difference!**

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# Taking Flight With You



For A Second Chance at Freedom

**Every New Friend = More Lives Saved!!**

## Follow Us Online

Every time you share a Facebook post, Tweet, E-News, or even this newsletter, the RMRP can make new friends. With so many outreach events cancelled, we are very limited in ways to meet and bring new people into the raptor family. We hope you can help us by sharing our stories online!



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## You Are The Tree That Keeps Us Rooted

Supporting the Raptors in Our Branches



This nestling Red-tailed Hawk has pelvic trauma after falling from its nest. It will need many months of healing if it is to receive its Second Chance at Freedom.

## Become a 1987 Club Member

One of the best ways to create a stable base of operations for the RMRP is to give a monthly gift. Joining The 1987 Club, our monthly donor club, will make you a foundation for the RMRP in our time of need. Plus, get fun membership bonuses!

Simply fill out the enclosed envelope and mail to RMRP, or become a member online at [www.rmrp.org/donate](http://www.rmrp.org/donate). ANY monthly pledge amount makes you a member!

## Donate A Single Gift

Be assured, your support at any level is an investment in the future of raptors and their conservation and RMRP. Simply use the enclosed envelope or go online at [www.rmrp.org/donate](http://www.rmrp.org/donate).

## All New and Expanded Gift Shop!

Our shiny new gift shop will be launched sometime in July—hopefully soon! It will be featured on our Facebook page at first, and will have fun launch specials. There will be a new “Store” button on our Facebook page coming soon!

The Rocky Mountain Raptor Program is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. We strive to inspire the appreciation and protection of raptors and the spaces where they live through excellence in rehabilitation, education, and research. We are supported by donations from caring people like you, who want to make a difference in the world.

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