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Program

a second chance at freedom

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Baby Season is Here!

Learn more about these young raptors that need your help.

Baby season at RMRP typically begins with baby Great Horned Owls. These large owls nest early in the year, and can have nestlings as early as February!

This particular little owl was admitted in early April after being found on the ground by children. Unfortunately, this baby Great Horned Owl had a broken wing. The injury was older and already in the process of healing when it arrived at RMRP.

The little one is resting and growing strong. It has been placed with another orphaned owlet also suffering from a broken wing. Once they are strong enough, they will be placed with one of RMRP's foster parent Great Horned Owls. These foster parents act as role models to teach the growing chicks all the ins-and-outs of being a fierce tiger of the sky!

If all goes well, both will be released to the wild this fall.



This little nestling Great Horned Owl was found after falling from its nest. It has a fractured wing that is healing and will hopefully be released this fall.

Support the care of these babies in need at www.rmrp.org.

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Lives Saved by You



Patient Highlights...

When You Support RMRP, You Give Them Hope

Check out the stories of these recent rescues:



This baby Great Horned Owl had a severely fractured wing after falling from the nest. The baby receives comfort from a feather duster that feels like "Mom" would. Once healed, the owlet will be given to a foster parent to prepare for release to the wild.



Found on the ground after a terrible snow storm in February, this Kestrel suffered storm related trauma and frostbite. After many weeks of intensive care, she was fully recovered. She returned to the wild in late April.



Barely more than a handful, this sassy Saw-whet Owl was rescued after surviving some form of internal trauma. The tiny owl healed quickly, and was released to the wild only a few short weeks later.



This Red-tailed Hawk struck a window so forcefully it suffered internal trauma. This beautiful beast wouldn't eat anything until she was able to kill live prey. She was released only 14 days after admission



An adult, male Sharp-shinned Hawk was rescued from the Livermore area on March 24th. The bird was dazed and unable to fly, probably after striking a window. Upon admission, the "Sharpie" was found to have head trauma and a soft-tissue injury to his right wing. He received oxygen therapy for his head trauma, pain medication, and all the support he needed to heal. After a quick turn in flight conditioning enclosures and live-prey school, he was ready to go.

Only seven short days after he was rescued, this small but mighty raptor received his Second Chance at Freedom.

Support more success stories like these at www.rmrp.org/donate.

Taking Flight Again

Education & Outreach Program Stretching Its Wings



We Miss You!

In-Person Education & Outreach Re-Launching in COVID-Times

Although the threat of COVID isn't gone, RMRP is so grateful to be able to appear in public again in a limited capacity. We have a few events lined up for this summer that will be tailored for visitors and RMRP staff and volunteers to remain safe. These new events may look different than events past, but we are excited to be back in public sharing our mission!

Stay tuned to our website for event details: www.rmrp.org/news/events

Swainson's Hawk Soiree

Experience the beauty of Colorado's Hawks.

**June 26th, 2021
9am-1pm**

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For details: www.rmrp.org

We hope you can join us for our **FIRST** event since closing for COVID! There will be learning stations, activities, and limited edition shirts for sale!

IMPORTANT DETAILS:

- ◇ The entire event will be outside.
- ◇ There will be **NO ACCESS to facilities such as restrooms**. Please plan accordingly.
- ◇ Social distancing and masks will be strictly enforced per Larimer County Regulations.

2022 CALENDAR

PHOTO CONTEST IS OPEN!

Show your love for raptors and their conservation.

www.rmrp.org

Photo by Dawn Wilson

New presentations every week.

Revealing Raptors
LIVESTREAM

Every Wednesday at 4pm on YouTube

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You Give Them Wings

For A Second Chance at Freedom



Join the 1987 Club to Build a Foundation

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. ANY monthly pledge amount makes you a member!

*Please note that not all membership bonuses may not be available due to COVID.

Can't Give Monthly? Even a Single Gift Makes A Difference

Be assured, your support at any level is an investment in the future of raptors, conservation of our shared habitats, and RMRP. Simply use the enclosed envelope or go online at www.rmrp.org/donate.

Membership Levels

Each level includes the benefits of the preceding level.

Monthly Donation Amount	Bonuses!
\$5+	1987 Club Exclusive Decals!
\$25+	10% Off Gift Shop!
\$50+	Invitation to 1 Members-
\$85+	Two Tickets to the Annual Gala and Benefit Auction
\$100+	Upgrade to 2 Members-
\$250+	Private raptor watching tour with Executive Director Carin Avila

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Go to 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! AmazonSmile is also available when purchasing on the Amazon App!

These little efforts make a HUGE difference!

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