



Rocky Mountain
RAPTOR
Program
a second chance at freedom

ON THE Wing

Spring/Summer 2022 Newsletter

Doing More Good

Thanks to you we're soaring higher

There's energy gathering for our Wildlife Nature Park Near Old Town at our Vine Drive home. We're meeting with county and city officials, other nonprofit organizations and many wonderful supporters, discussing everything from property acquisition to financing to future program elements. We're bolstering our organizational efforts with upgraded technology, streamlined internal processes, planning, and team building – all designed to make us stronger and ready for anything. These steps are critical to creating a family friendly destination and attraction for Old Town that's open to the public!

We're deep into our busiest season for rehabilitation which requires tons of trauma, injury and wound care, and long hours of supportive care. We've admitted 85 raptors this year as of June 10th. We currently have over 30 patients in rehab, and many are nearly ready to touch the skies again!

Summer means educational outreach gets really busy. Our program delivery has suffered the last two years, but we're excited to emerge from the COVID coma to meet new followers, friends and supporters. The program is rebounding really well after COVID. See our event calendar on page 3.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) poses a serious threat to many birds around the country. Millions of poultry have been euthanized just in Colorado, and this is a world-wide pandemic. We are in bio-hazard prevention mode to ensure HPAI stops at the front door. Raptors have very little chance of surviving HPAI so we're taking every precaution to keep them safe.

We are increasing our capacity to do good and our ability to save lives. We're enrich our community with education and making sure that we're ready for the future, whatever it may bring.

Thank you for making everything we do possible. We are honored to serve.

Warmest regards,

Carin Avila
Executive Director



PS. Please consider a generous gift this summer – it's our busiest time of year.

Lifesaving Rehabilitation and Research,
Life-Changing Conservation Education.

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Patient Highlights

Baby Owl Brigade Makes Way to RMRP



Baby Jail! The easiest way to transport a bunch of baby owls at one time is a simple laundry basket!

With more than ten baby Great Horned Owls in our care, we're busy from dawn to dusk!

Spring of 2022 brought lots of severe windstorms. Sadly, this is prime Great Horned Owl nesting time, and this year many were blown from their nests. Great Horned Owls nest much earlier than other raptors, as their young need many months of parental support in order to learn how to be a "Tiger of the Skies."

These fluffy Muppet faces will need to stay with RMRP for many months as they grow. We will also put them through college: aka Rat School! In the wild, young owls spend lots of time with their parents learning how to hunt. Because the babies in our care cannot be returned to their parents, they will need to learn to hunt, kill and eat prey, to show us they can survive in the wild.



Make a Guess: How Many Owls?

How many baby Great Horned Owls will RMRP admit this year? Take a guess! Guesses will be open until July 30th - after that the young owls are technically not babies anymore, they're fledglings!

Use your phone to scan code or go online to make a guess: www.rmrp.org/baby-owl-count/

Correct guesses will be pooled and one person will be chosen at random to receive an RMRP Mystery Box filled with RMRP goodies!



Spotlight: Ferruginous Hawk

This regal hawk suffered high voltage trauma (shocked on a power line). Through laser therapy, wound care and lots of pain medication, this beast has plans will make its way to freedom!



Spotlight: Long-eared Owl

After flying into a window, this small owl has spinal and head trauma. Pain medication and lots of rest will allow this tiny hunter to heal. Although tiny, this owl's attitude is sky-high!

Contact Us

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Fort Collins, CO 80526

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Rehabilitation Hotline: 970-222-0322
Website: www.rmrp.org
Email: info@rmrp.org

Other wildlife emergency? Go to: www.animalhelpnow.org

Summer Exhibitions



Find us all over Colorado this summer!

From natural areas to festivals to appearances at local businesses, you can find the raptors of RMRP out and about nearly every week this summer!

Come See Us:

Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

Bond Park, Estes Park

June 25-26, 9:30-5

Art-in-the-Park

W Lincoln Park, Steamboat Springs

July 9-10, 9-5

Wild Fest

Fort Collins Senior Center

July 9, 12-3

Trailhead Talk

Fossil Creek Reservoir, Fort Collins

July 21, 6:30-7:30

Summer of Discovery

Boulder Libraries, Boulder

July 23, 11-12 and 1-2

Monday Outdoor Series

Old Town Library Park, Fort Collins

July 25, 10-11

Friday Night Out

Old Town Square, Fort Collins

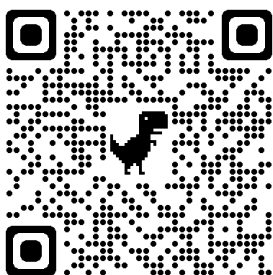
July 29, 5-7:30

...and from our Sponsors,
Poudre Pet & Feed:



July 30, 2022, 9am-12pm
622 N. College Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Find even more online!



Scan
code to
view the
full online
calendar.

Invite Raptors to Your Event

If you want RMRP to visit your school, business, or event, make sure to plan ahead! With high demand on our Education Department, we are typically booked 2-3 months in advance.



Request a Program:

Fill out an Education Appearance Request by scanning the code to the left using your phone or by going to:
[www.rmrp.org/contact-us/
educational-program-information-request](http://www.rmrp.org/contact-us/educational-program-information-request)

Small Group Tours (5 People or Less):

Contact Executive Director Carin Avila at Carin@rmrp.org to set up your tour. Small group tours start at \$75 for two people. Tours are up to 1.5 hours and are personalized depending on your interests.



We're excited to bring the
magnificence of raptors to you!

Give us a call:

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Save Lives Your Way

Every Gift Makes a Difference

Scan the codes with your phone to go directly to the page you want to view!

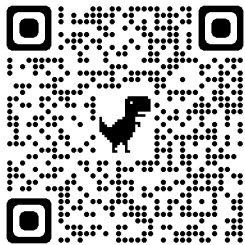
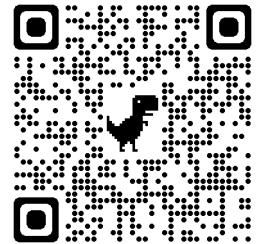
Become a Monthly Donor



Pledges made through this monthly recurring gift program give stability to the seasonally variable income of RMRP. Although we are pretty great at budgeting, your monthly gift ensures that raptors in distress receive the care they need when they need it - all year long.

Starting at \$9.87 a month, your recurring gift saves lives every day of the year.

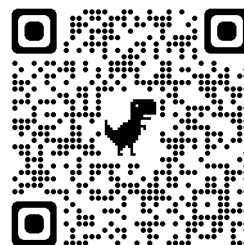
To learn more, scan the code with your phone or go to: www.rmrp.org/donate/the-1987-club



Make a One-time Gift

Any gift, any time, makes a difference to raptors in need.

This baby Great Horned Owl with a head injury benefits from your support instantly at: www.rmrp.org/donate



Wish List

Top 10 Most Needed Items:

- ◇ Paper towels
- ◇ Toilet paper
- ◇ Facial tissue
- ◇ Nitrile gloves
 - ◇ Size XS-M
- ◇ Forever stamps
- ◇ 39 gal trash bags
- ◇ Clorox bleach and laundry detergent
 - ◇ Unscented
- ◇ Hand soap refills
 - ◇ NOT antibacterial
- ◇ Copy paper

You can find the most needed items to help support the raptors in our care at: www.rmrp.org/wish-list-drive/

Thank you for your support!

Since 1987, The Rocky Mountain Raptor Program has rescued and rehabilitated thousands of raptors, educated the public about human/wildlife conflicts and conducted research to advance wildlife conservation. As an independent, 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, RMRP is non-government, and is not state or federally funded. We do not receive regular operating support from any national or international humane organizations but are supported mostly by recurring or one-time individual gifts, with some foundation and corporate support. Federal Tax Identification Number 90-0131614