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Program
a second chance at freedom

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2022 Winter Newsletter

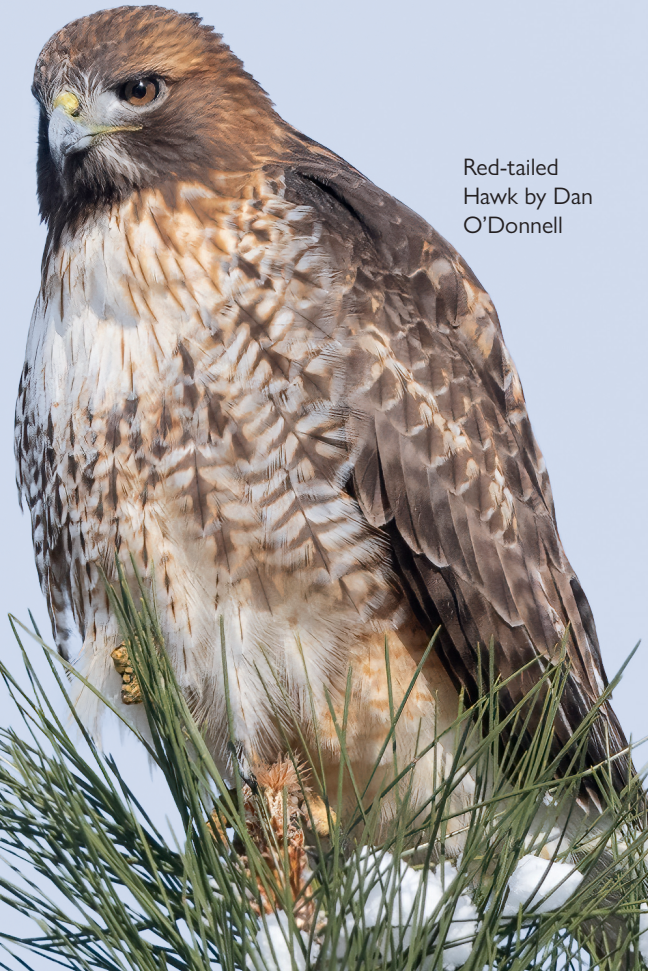
Many Hands Save More Lives

While flying across the interstate frontage road near Wellington, Colorado on a crisp fall day, an adult Red-tailed Hawk (RTHA) was hit by a car. Several people saw the bird on the road, and one couple stopped and wrapped the bird in a blanket and rushed it to the closest facility, Northern Colorado Wildlife Center. NoCo Wildlife thankfully stabilized the bird and drove it down the road a few miles to us.

The raptor had suffered a head injury and abrasions to its feet, but further examination revealed an old fracture of the left metacarpus (wrist) and previous damage to the left eye which compromised visual perception. So, sometime in the past this bird was injured, survived, and was 'making a living' in the wild before it was hit again. Raptors often hunt and eat roadkill near highways, and this one was likely struck this time because of limited vision in the left eye.

Now only 9 days into rehabilitation, it is stable, alert, in good body condition, but not a cooperative eater, even with the great menu we offer! Adult RTHA's sometimes will not immediately eat well when coming into human care. It is currently living in our Rehabilitation complex and under day-to-day evaluation. The prognosis at this point is still guarded.

Your support goes directly toward helping this hawk and our other patients. By standing with us and providing for its care, you become part of the greater solution that we offer for wildlife in our community, and your generosity is a vote of confidence in our work. We thank you for caring enough to make a difference!



Red-tailed
Hawk by Dan
O'Donnell



Left: Thanks to many wildlife lovers and our partners at NOCO Wildlife, this Red-tailed Hawk is getting the care it needs after being hit by a car.

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Can't Keep This Hawk (Upside) Down! Swainson's Second Chance

In the heat of the summer a young Swainson's Hawk was found unable to fly because his head was oddly...upside-down! This is called torticollis, where the neck muscles have a neural deficit causing the head to twist upside-down or be tilted. This can be caused by illness or injury.

Past experience has given us insight into treating this condition. In 2015, RMRP and our amazing vets published a research paper on treating torticollis with physical therapy. We have since added anti-vertigo medications in tandem with physical therapy.

With therapy and medication, we saw this hawk improve in just seven days!

The young Swainson's is doing well and he will overwinter at RMRP. We hope he continues to improve and he can be released at the end of next summer for his first migration to Argentina!



Above and Right: This Swainson's Hawk had physical therapy and medication to improve his torticollis (twisted head).

Scan here to view our torticollis research paper on PubMed.



You Can Help! Adopt-A-Raptor

These make great and caring holiday gifts! Starting at \$25, symbolically adopt a rehabilitation patient or one of our Educational Ambassador raptors.



Scan to view adoption packages.



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

Support Conservation

Come See the Raptors!



Open Houses are BACK!

We are so excited to host our first Open House in 3 years!! We can finally open our doors to our community once again! Come visit, learn, shop for holiday gifts, and gawk at some hawks!

Gifts That Give Back

Shop RMRP & Save Lives

Can't make it to the Open House? Shop online!

Curbside pickup is available for your order! Shop online then stop by RMRP Friday or Saturday from December 2 through December 23 between 10 and 5 to pick up your order.



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ColoradoGivesDay.org Dec. 6

Community First Foundation, FirstBank and other community partners from across the state want to make your support of Colorado nonprofits go even further. Every donation made from November 1 through December 6 on ColoradoGives.org counts towards Colorado Gives Day and gets a boost from the \$1.4 Million+ Incentive Fund. AND your gift to RMRP qualifies us for bonus drawings and giveaways!

Make your gift now through
December 6th to amplify your impact:



Scan the code to make your gift
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30th Annual Gala & Benefit Auction

A Little Bit of Love Goes a Really Long Way

February 25th, 2023 - 5-9PM

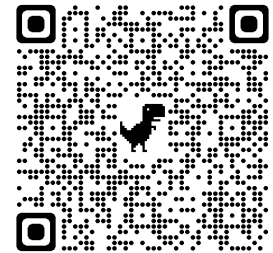
The Hilton, Fort Collins

Tickets - On sale January 1st!

- January 1 - February 14: \$95
- February 15-20: \$125
- If tickets are still available, they will be on sale at the door for \$125
- Table of 8: \$760

Volunteers Needed

Help RMRP with our premier event!!! See options at www.rmrp.org/volunteer/auction-planning-volunteer or email Lisa@rmrp.org.



Scan the code to learn more or go to
<https://rmrp.ejoinme.org/2023auction>

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