



Rocky Mountain  
**RAPTOR**  
Program  
*a second chance at freedom*

**LIFE-SAVING**  
Rehabilitation and Research  
**LIFE-CHANGING**  
Conservation Education



**2022 ANNUAL REPORT**



# ABOUT US

## Our Vision

RMRP envisions a world where humans achieve a harmonious balance with wildlife and the environment.

## Our Mission

RMRP inspires the protection and conservation of raptors and the environment through excellence in rehabilitation, education, and research.

## Our Goals

**Rehabilitation:** To provide the highest level of care to sick and injured raptors, and prepare them for their “Second Chance at Freedom”.

**Education:** To encourage adults and children to be stewards and heroes of wildlife and wild places.

**Research:** To increase knowledge of how to care for and protect raptors in nature.



Cover Image: Golden Eagle - David Terbush

Left: Bald Eagle - James Steele

# FROM THE DIRECTOR

## The Dream is Alive!

There's been an important development in the pursuit of our dream of opening a wildlife park and nature center in Fort Collins where we can finally be open to the public!

The City of Fort Collins purchased the former Hughes Stadium property from the State of Colorado in June 2023, and will be exploring options for how the land will be used. We have notified the City of our interest in relocating the RMRP operations to that area, and we're working in cooperation with other nonprofits, including the Northern Colorado Wildlife Center, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies and others to form a Conservation Campus with a sustainable and educational use of the property.

The Hughes property sits at the base of the foothills off Overland Trail in west Fort Collins across from the Holiday Twin drive-in theater and adjacent to City Natural Areas. Our project fits perfectly into the City's stated goals for the land, of “parks, recreation, and open lands, natural areas, and wildlife rescue and restoration.”

We are still early in the process, and there are many steps that will need to occur, but we're on our way. We invite you to take this journey with us!

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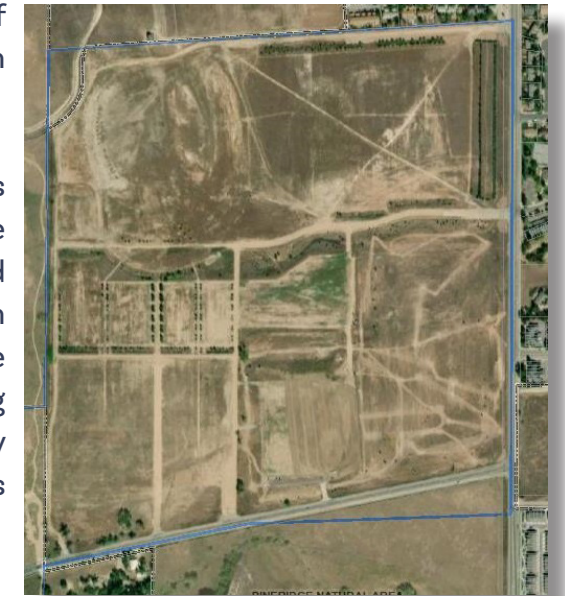
Thanks for your continued belief in the program,

*Carin*

Carin Avila (she/her)  
Executive Director



PS. Want to know more about this project? Contact me at [Carin@rmrp.org](mailto:Carin@rmrp.org) or 970-484-7756 x103



Above: The former Hughes Stadium property could be the new home to RMRP and other wildlife organizations in a new conservation campus!



# EDUCATION

## Inspiring Change

Environmental and conservation education is crucial in raising awareness about the importance of protecting raptors and the natural world. By educating people about the impact of human activity on our precious resources, such as raptors, we empower individuals to make more sustainable choices for the future. We also work to inspire a new generation of environmental stewards who will preserve our planet for future generations. Environmental education is essential for creating a more sustainable and environmentally responsible society.



### 2022 Program Reach

Total school programs presented: 113  
 In person: 107  
 Virtual: 6  
 Total students reached: 5,995

Total days of community outreach provided: 98  
 Off-site outreach days: 44  
 Tours (on-site): 54  
 Number of people reached at outreach events: 35,361

**Total people reached: 41,356**

Left: This Eastern Screech Owl was the busiest Educational Ambassador of 2022! He appeared at 84 programs and outreach events. This owl is an Ambassador due to an impact injury that broke his lower jaw and left it maligned.

### Cities Reached with Education Programs

**Colorado:**  
 Arvada  
 Ault  
 Berthoud  
 Boulder  
 Denver  
 Eaton  
 Erie  
 Estes Park

Fort Collins  
 Greeley  
 LaSalle  
 Longmont  
 Loveland  
 Lyons  
 Milliken  
 Red Feather Lakes  
 Steamboat Springs

Thornton  
 Timnath  
 Wellington  
 Windsor

**Wyoming:**  
 Laramie



Above: Education and Outreach Coordinator Jessica Miller teaches an excited group of children about wingspans.

Left: Volunteer Piper Aune, who has dedicated 10+ years to RMRP, is happy to answer questions about the Eastern Screech Owl at a school event.



# REHABILITATION

## Saving Lives Every Day

Raptors experience a variety of challenges in today's rapid-paced world. Every raptor that we help receives nationally-recognized quality of care and the dedication of our compassionate rehabilitation team, volunteers, interns and CSU Avian, Exotic, and Zoological Veterinarians.

### 2022 Rehabilitation Statistics

We released **73.5%** of treatable raptors.

A raptor stayed an average of **74.5 days** in our care.

**Total bird care days was 12,418.**

### Top 7 Most Common Causes of Injury

1. Trauma
2. Disease
3. Collision (vehicle, window, i.e. man-made object)
4. Fall from Nest
5. Starvation
6. Electrocution/High Voltage Trauma
7. Entanglement

### Cities Where Raptors Were Rescued

<b>Colorado:</b>	Gilcrest	Milliken	<b>Wyoming:</b>
Ault	Gill	New Raymer	Casper
Bellvue	Greeley	Nunn	Cheyenne
Berthoud	Grover	Platteville	Elk Mountain
Briggsdale	Johnstown	Red Feather Lakes	Glenrock
Carr	LaPorte	Severance	Laramie
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Firestone	Livermore	Timnath	Wheatland
Fort Collins	Longmont	Virginia Dale	Woods Landing-Jelm
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Galeton	Merino	Yuma	



Above: This baby Great Horned Owl's nest was destroyed in a storm. The little one suffered head trauma from the fall, but was released back to the wild after growing up at RMRP.

### Admissions by Species

Species	Total
Red-tailed Hawk	88
Great Horned Owl	74
Cooper's Hawk	29
Swainson's Hawk	27
American Kestrel	9
Barn Owl	9
Bald Eagle	8
Osprey	8
Eastern Screech Owl	5
Turkey Vulture	5
Ferruginous Hawk	4
Rough-legged Hawk	3
Golden Eagle	2
Merlin	2
Mississippi Kite	2
Prairie Falcon	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2
Long-eared Owl	1
Peregrine Falcon	1

**Total Admissions: 281**



Above & Right: This Great Horned Owl hit the grill of a truck so hard it broke - and so did the owl! It took many months of healing and care for this owl to return to the wild.



Right: At a reduced cost to RMRP, the CSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital Ophthalmology Department partners with RMRP to give students the opportunity to diagnose and treat eye conditions in raptors.



# RESEARCH

## Knowledge for the Future

Raptors in the wild are at risk due to habitat loss and human interference. We conduct research to help us better understand how to protect them and their habitats and to monitor disease transmission. Additionally, our research informs conservation efforts and leads to informed decisions that make the world safer for them. Investing in raptor research is crucial for their survival and the health of our ecosystems.

### 2022 Research Projects

- West Nile Virus surveillance in raptors (RMRP, CSU Ebel, Bosco-Lauth)
- Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza testing and detection in local raptor populations (RMRP)
- Diversity of Leucocytozoon (a blood and tissue infection) (Collins, Rhodes University, Memphis TN)
- Validation of PCR assay for Herpesvirus strains (a highly pathogenic virus) in Great Horned Owls (Wellehan, Archer University of FL)
- Wing measurements for dimensions of utility poles (RMRP)
- Ectoparasite (a parasite that lives on the outside of its host) collection (CSU Museum of Arthropod Diversity)
- Survey of lead levels in raptors of NOCO and WY (RMRP)
- Raptor carcasses collected by the Denver Museum of Nature and Science to become part of their tissue bank for education and research.



Above: Bald Eagles love to scavenge, and will eat anything leftover from other animals or human hunters. If a hunted animal was shot with lead shot, the eagle can be poisoned by the lead. This Bald Eagle had a high lead level, but lots of medication and care saw it return to the wild.

### Are you conducting research surrounding raptors?

We would be happy to contribute data to your research project so we can continue to further our collective knowledge of raptors. Contact Gail Kratz, Rehabilitation and Research Director, at Gail@rmp.org or 970-484-7756.

# FINANCIALS

### Income

Source	Income
Individual	\$449,639
Grant/Foundation	\$131,519
Corporate	\$11,188
Capacity Building	\$125,000
Auction	\$68,484
Special Project	\$3,942
Merchandise Sales	\$25,343
Education	\$23,957
Misc	\$1,006
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$841,078</b>

### Expenses

Project	Expense
Rehabilitation & Research	\$235,937
Education	\$177,934
Fundraising	\$155,116
Administration	\$118,157
Facilities	\$30,921
Operations	\$92,700
Property Development	\$13,075
Merchandise	\$15,633
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$839,522</b>

**Beginning Balance: \$330,870**

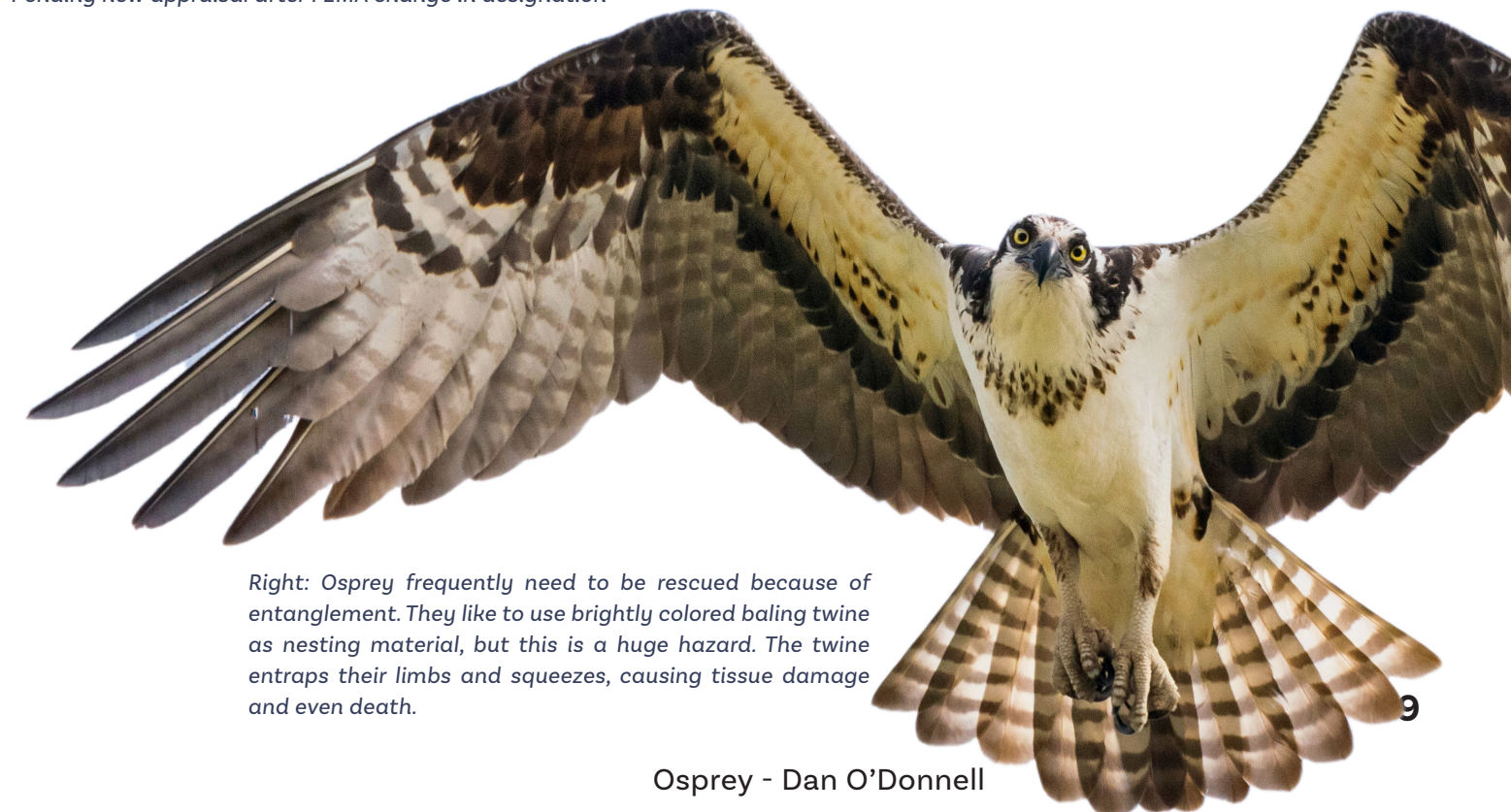
**Net Income: \$1,556**

### Balance Sheet

Assets	
Source	Amount
Cash	\$3386,376
Fixed	\$14,420
Land	\$1,176,264*
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,577,060</b>

Liabilities & Equity	
Source	Amount
Current Liabilities	\$0
Long-term Liabilities	\$826,477
Total Equity	\$749,562
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$1,577,060</b>

\* Pending new appraisal after FEMA change in designation



Right: Osprey frequently need to be rescued because of entanglement. They like to use brightly colored baling twine as nesting material, but this is a huge hazard. The twine entraps their limbs and squeezes, causing tissue damage and even death.

Osprey - Dan O'Donnell



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## 2022 Volunteer Statistics

Program Branch	Number of Volunteers	Volunteer Hours Contributed
Education	53	8,603
Rehabilitation & Research	33	10,394
Support	18	264
<b>2022 Totals</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>19,261</b>

## Thank you to our volunteers:

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