

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 Goal:

To provide the highest level of care to sick and injured raptors and prepare them for "A Second Chance at Freedom."

Education Goal:

Encourage adults and children to be stewards and heroes of wildlife and wild places.

Research Goal:

Increase knowledge of how to care for and protect wild raptors, while identifying and monitoring challenges to their environment.

Photo: American Kestrel by Thersa Jordan

Your Belief in Us Makes Us Stronger

Dear Friends of the Feathered,

As I reflect on the past year at the Rocky Mountain Raptor Program, I am filled with deep gratitude and admiration for you who make our mission possible, and also for our dedicated staff and volunteers, our resilient raptor patients, and our Education Ambassador raptors.

In 2024, we continued to advance our commitment to rehabilitating injured birds of prey, educating the public about raptor conservation, and conducting research that informs and inspires. Thanks to your support, we treated over three hundred raptors this year, and average a release rate of 75%, which is a testament to our rehabilitation team's dedication and skill. Every bird that soars again into Colorado's skies is a story of hope, healing, and the profound impact of our collective efforts.

Education remains a cornerstone of our mission. Through community outreach, school visits, and special events, we reached more than 65,000 individuals this year through 262 days of programming delivered. We sparked curiosity and fostered a deeper respect for the natural world. Our Educational Ambassador raptors continued to captivate audiences of all ages, serving as living symbols of the wild beauty we strive to protect.

We also expanded our research initiatives, contributing valuable data on raptor health and challenges in the Rocky Mountain region. These efforts not only guide our rehabilitation practices but also aid in broader conservation efforts across the western United States.

The challenges facing wildlife continue to grow—from habitat loss to changing weather patterns and the continued increase of human-wildlife conflict—but so too does our resolve. In the year ahead, we will deepen our impact through planning our future facility, current facility improvements, expanded community partnerships, and enhanced volunteer opportunities in all areas of our organization. Your continued support will be critical to these efforts.

On behalf of everyone at the Rocky Mountain Raptor Program, thank you for your unwavering belief in our work. You are a vital part of our flight toward a future where raptors thrive in healthy ecosystems and every injured bird has A Second Chance at Freedom.

With gratitude and hope,

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Carin Avila (she/her)
Executive Director



PS: Donate and witness the impact of your generous gift on countless lives. What legacy will you leave - today, tomorrow, and forever?

Contact me at Carin@rmrp.org or 970-484-7756 x103

EDUCATION

Inspiring Future Stewards of the Natural World

In 2024, our environmental and conservation education initiatives reached tens of thousands, raising awareness about the critical importance of protecting raptors and preserving the natural world they—and we—depend on.

Through dynamic programs and community outreach, we work to illuminate the impact of human activities on wildlife and natural resources. By sharing the stories of the raptors in our care, we create personal connections that inspire individuals to make more sustainable choices, both now and for future generations.

Our education efforts are designed not only to inform but to empower. Each presentation, school program, and public event helps foster a deep understanding of environmental stewardship. By engaging people of all ages, we are planting the seeds for a more environmentally responsible society—one that values conservation as an essential part of daily life.

Most importantly, our programs aim to inspire the next generation of environmental champions. By nurturing curiosity, passion, and responsibility in young minds, we are helping to ensure that the raptors of tomorrow will soar through healthier skies over thriving landscapes.

At RMRP, we know that education builds the foundation for long-term conservation success. Together with the support of our community and partners, we are creating a future where raptors and the natural world are protected, celebrated, and cherished for generations to come.

2024 Program Reach

- 135 school programs presented.
- 7,981 students reached.
- 127 days of community outreach.
- **56,553** people were reached at outreach events.

278 total days of outreach.64,838 total people experienced the majesty of raptors.



Above: Dozens of students excitedly interact with our educational programs. Our programs inspire audiences from kindergarten through doctoral students.

"Education and outreach are unquestionably important because they turn awareness into action! Raptors are powerful symbols of ecosystem health, and teaching about them inspires awe, but more importantly, it connects our community to the vital role these birds play in nature. When people understand raptors, they begin to see the value of protecting habitats, not just for the wildlife that lives in them, but for all of us."

-Heather Schneider, Education & Outreach Director



Above & Right: A small but indispensable group of 20 hardworking Educational Ambassador raptors work tirelessly to provide inspiration for humans of all ages to be a part of the fight to preserve wildlife and wild places. Volunteer handlers provide medical and husbandry support every day of the year.

"I love the education programs, especially those presented to children. They are so important in encouraging them to respect nature, preserve the environment, and admire the raptors. Besides being fun, this outreach can be a pivotal moment of influence in these young minds."

-Laine B, RMRP Supporter

Our Partners in Education:

Ability in Motion Ascent Classical Academy Homeschool Enrichment group Aspen Ridge Preparatory School STEM City of Boulder Parks and Recreation City of Fort Collins Natural Areas City of Westminster Clearview Library District Colorado Early Colleges Colorado State University **Boulder School District** Eaton Public Library Eaton School District RE-2 Elk Fest Estes Park School District Faith Church Senior Group First Light Nature Preschool Fort Morgan School District RE-3 Front Range Community College **Greeley Country Club**

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REHABILITATION

Healing Raptors

In a rapidly changing world, raptors face growing threats—from vehicle collisions and habitat loss to extreme weather and disease. When danger strikes, the Rocky Mountain Raptor Program—and you—are there to help.

With a skilled team of staff, volunteers, and veterinarians from Colorado State University's Avian, Exotic, and Zoological Medicine Service, we provide each raptor with expert, compassionate care.

Every bird's recovery is a reminder of our shared responsibility to protect these remarkable creatures and the environment we all depend on. Your support makes this life-saving work possible.

2024 Rehabilitation Statistics

75% of treatable raptors were released.

53 DAYS: Average length of stay of a rehabilitating raptor.

12,592 DAYS: The total number of rehabilitation bird care days in 2024. Every day a raptor is in our care, it counts as one bird care day.

Most Common Causes of Injury:

85-90% of cases fall in the first 4 categories. Cases are not mutually exclusive.

- 1. Trauma & fractures
- 2. Fell from nest
- 3. Vehicle collision
- 4. Disease
- 5. Extreme Hunger
- 6. Human Interference
- 7. Entanglement Fencing, netting, twine, fishing line, etc.
- 8. Window strike
- 9. High-Voltage Trauma
- 10. Gunshot
- 11. Animal Attack (dog/cat)



Above:These two baby Swainson's Hawks lost their nests due to severe storms. Within a matter of months, they touched the skies again.

We monitored raptor diseases in 2024:

27 raptors tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV).

8 raptors tested positive for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI).

Both are challenging diseases to treat, and HPAI is almost 100% fatal in raptors. When HPAI patients are in our facility, they must be treated with strict biosecurity concerns in mind to ensure other raptors in our care do not also catch the disease.

We are one of only three facilities in the US where an HPAI-positive raptor has recovered and returned to the wild.

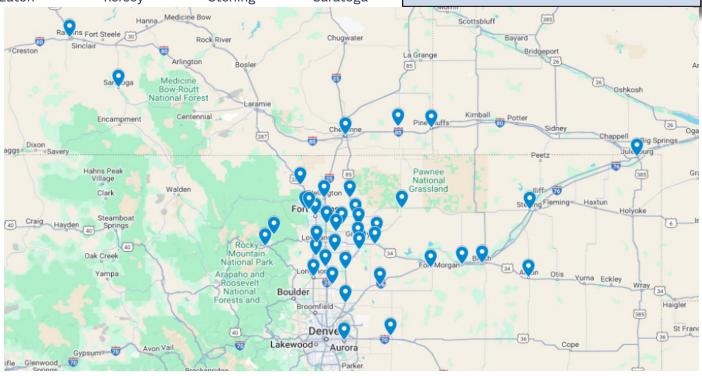
Cities Where Raptors Were Rescued:

Colorado:	Estes Park	LaPorte	Telluride
Akron	Evans	LaSalle	Timnath
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Aurora	Fort Collins	Longmont	Wiggins
Bellvue	Fort Morgan	Loveland	Windsor
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Drake	Keenesburg	Severance	Rawlins
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Admissions by Species:

Species	Total
Great-horned Owls	78
Red-tailed Hawks	55
Swainson's Hawks	46
Cooper's Hawks	46
American Kestrels	23
Turkey Vulture	18
Barn Owl	11
Bald Eagle	8
Short Eared Owl	6
Osprey	4
Ferruginous Hawk	3
Eastern Screech-Owl	3
Peregrine Falcon	3
Burrowing Owl	2
Golden Eagle	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1
Long-eared Owl	1
Northern Harrier	1
Northern Pygmy Owl	1

Total Admissions: 311



Above: RMRP rescues raptors in Wyoming and Colorado, covering thousands of miles, and we field hundreds of calls for raptors outside of our service area, and refer calls about non-raptors to dozens of other rehabilitation organizations.

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, as well as monitor disease transmission. Our research also informs decisions that make the world safer for them. Investing in raptor research is crucial for their survival and the health of raptors and our ecosystems.

2024 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 parasite) (Collins, Rhodes University, Memphis TN)
- Osprey Parasite Study focusing on trematode parasite infections, particularly flukes (parasitic flatworms) within the genus Scaphanocephalus, which are osprey specialists and travel with the birds during migration (Johnson Lab, University of CO)
- PacifiCorp Wind Project (PacifiCorp, USGS, RMRP) PacifiCorp will study bird
 safety near wind turbines and evaluate the effects of painting one wind turbine
 blade black to reduce risks to birds flying near wind projects. Before the study,
 PacifiCorp must understand the impact of scavengers on any carcass removal
 below the wind turbines, so bird casualty counts are as accurate as possible.
 Carcasses from the RMRP are being sent to the wind turbine site in WY to help
 with this preliminary scavenger study.
- Relationship of WNV and Feather Abnormalities (Bower et al, University of Wyoming)
- Three-year assessment of HPAI virus infection, seroprevalence, and clinical outcomes in raptors (Nemeth et al, University of Georgia)
- Wing measurements to determine the dimensions of utility poles to prevent electrocution (RMRP)
- Survey of lead levels in raptors of Northern Colorado and Wyoming (RMRP)

Are you involved in raptor research?

We would be happy to contribute data to your research project to further our knowledge of raptors. Contact Mike Tincher, Rehabilitation and Research Coordinator, at Mike@rmrp.org or 970-484-7756

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income

Source	Income
Individual (inc. Gala)	\$883,581
Grant/Foundation/Business	\$733,721
Merchandise (Net)	\$25,613
Education	\$68,342
Research	\$7,050
Total Revenue	\$1,641,871

In-Kind Donations

Source	Total
Total	\$76,436

Expenses

Project	Expense
Rehabilitation & Research	\$304,490
Education & Outreach	\$218,912
Fundraising	\$339,978
Administration	\$142,026
Facility & Operation	\$225,807
Property	\$2,250
Total	\$1,233,463
Net Surplus	\$408,408

Liabilities & Equity

Source	2023	2024
Current Liabilities	\$22,227	\$-55,994
Long Term Liabilities	\$815,977	\$958,652
Total Equity	\$519,228	\$1,180,0550
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$1,357,432	\$2,083,207

Assets

Source	2023	2024
Cash	\$154,977	\$877,927
Fixed	\$26,191	\$29,016
Land	\$1,176,264	\$1,176,264
Total	\$1,357,432	\$2,083,207

"This is a tremendously well run organization doing amazing work. I am greatly impressed by their commitment to doing good in an ethical and effective way."

- Jim Parke; Estate Attorney, Keele and Parke

OUR TEAM

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Total Volunteer Hours

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Total Volunteer Hours: 23,628 (Equivalent to 11.5 Full Time Employees)

2024 Volunteer Statistics:

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The Barn Owl Bureau celebrates the outstanding volunteers who have dedicated 10 or more years of service.

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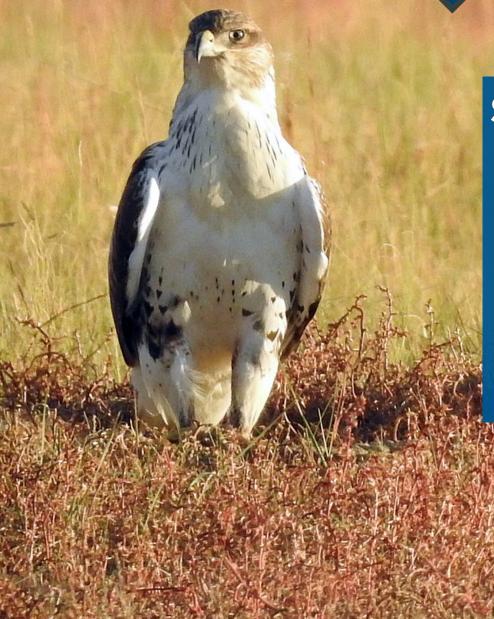
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