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June 2021 Interim Report

Project Title: **Wildlife Rehabilitation**

Wildlife Rescue Inc. of New Mexico (WRINM)

During the first six months of 2021, over 1,195 birds, mammals and reptiles were brought to the WRINM clinic by concerned individuals in need of help and guidance. This total is several hundred over that of the comparable period of 2020. One illustration of the public's continuing interest and ingenuity in helping wildlife was the delivery to WRINM of a House Finch by Uber in early June, 2021.

Agencies and organizations which have used the services of WRINM for the care of displaced wildlife included, but were not limited to: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, New Mexico Parks and Recreation, Albuquerque Animal Services, Los Ranchos Animal Services, Edgewood Animal Control, Bernalillo County Animal Care Services, the Rio Grande Zoo, Rio Rancho Animal Control and Hawks Aloft.

We also continued to cooperate extensively with local vets. One of our longer-term tenants in the past six months was the North American Porcupine we housed for more than a month before she was successfully released. She had a broken leg, probably due to being hit by a car, and was brought to a local vet. The X-rays showed she was pregnant, so once she delivered an, unfortunately, stillborn porcupette and had surgery on her leg, WRINM housed her for more than a month.

Our three new outdoor flights are now in use on the grounds of our clinic. Although they were designed to house waterfowl during their rehabilitation, we have discovered they also do well for songbirds who need some time to stretch their muscles and reshape bones before they are released, like the Western Tanager we cared for from mid-May to mid-June. As of the last week of June, 2021, there were 11 Mallards growing and developing in those new flights and 19 sheltered inside, including nine we hatched from eggs brought to us by a rescuer. We will continue to use the finishing school prior to release that we established with such success in previous years. Allowing the young ducks to wander free and protected, to learn to forage on their own until they gain flight, and allowing them to choose when they are ready to leave and join their wild cousins is the ideal way to get these young birds prepared for life in the wild.

So far we have seen fewer young displaced Great Horned Owls this year, though we have successfully reunited three at Atrisco Heritage Academy High School, with the help of a dedicated teacher and the Bernalillo County Fire Department. We are also very pleased with the results of collaboration between biologists, construction contractors and WRINM to resolve possible environmental impacts on nesting birds due to the construction of a large solar array near Corona in Tarrant County. Biologists managing those environmental impacts were worried about the possible disruption of several Raven and Horned Lark nests. After considerable discussion and accommodations, only three nestling larks had to be brought to WRINM for rehabilitation. These birds were brought in by the contractor and are now ready for release.

COVID-19 restrictions continued to impact WRINM's educational programs in the first half of 2021, though some canceled programs are being rescheduled for the summer of 2021. We have also been working with CNM students to create videos that can be shared with interested parties. We will have the first ones posted online as soon as the legal arrangements are complete.



Wildlife Rescue Inc New Mexico - species count 1/1/21 - 6/27/21

Aves - protected	Count
Accipitriformes	14
Cooper's Hawk	12
Northern Harrier	1
Turkey Vulture	1
Anseriformes	90
Canada Goose	2
Gadwall	1
Mallard	63
Ruddy Duck	1
Wood Duck	23
Apodiformes	57
Black-chinned Hummingbird	56
Hummingbird sp	1
Caprimulgiformes	2
Common Poorwill	2
Charadriiformes	3
Long-billed Curlew	1
Columbiformes	166
American Mourning Dove	7
Eurasian Collared-dove	46
Mourning Dove	29
White-winged Dove	84
Cuculiformes	16
Greater Roadrunner	16
Falconiformes	2
American Kestrel	2
Galliformes	56
Gambel's Quail	39
Quail sp	1
Ring-necked Pheasant	1
Scaled Quail	14
Wild Turkey	1
Gruiformes	3
American Coot	1
Sora	2
Passeriformes	302
American Bushitit	2
American Crow	13
American Robin	45
Ash-throated Flycatcher	1
Audubon's Warbler	1
Barn Swallow	2
Bronzed Cowbird	1
Bullock's Oriole	2
Cliff Swallow	5
Common Grackle	3
Common Raven	4
Curve-billed Thrasher	11
Dark-eyed Junco	4
Green-tailed Towhee	2
Horned Lark	3
House Finch	150
House Wren	1
Lesser Goldfinch	18
Magnolia Warbler	1
Pine Siskin	2
Red-winged Blackbird	1
Say's Phoebe	22
Spotted Towhee	1
Western Bluebird	1
Western Kingbird	2
Western Scrub Jay	1
Western Tanager	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1
Pelecaniformes	2
Black Crowned Night Heron	1
Cattle Egret	1
Piciformes	6
Hairy Woodpecker	1
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	3
Northern Flicker	2
Strigiformes	18
Great Horned Owl	9
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1
Western Screech Owl	8
Grand Total	735

Aves - non-protected	Count
Anseriformes	2
Domestic Duck	2
Columbiformes	116
Common Pigeon	116
Passeriformes	129
European Starling	13
House Sparrow	116
Grand Total	247

Mammalia	Count
Carnivora	2
Raccoon	1
Striped Skunk	1
Chiroptera	10
Bat sp	6
Free-tailed bat sp	1
Silver-haired Bat	3
Lagomorpha	135
Desert Cottontail	135
Rodentia	47
Antelope Squirrel	2
Cliff Chipmunk	1
Desert Woodrat	2
House Mouse	1
Least Chipmunk	5
Meadow Vole	1
North American Porcupine	1
Pocket Gopher	2
Rock Squirrel	27
Squirrel sp	1
White-footed Mouse	4
Grand Total	194

Reptilia	Count
Squamata	1
Snake sp	1
Testudines	18
Box Turtle	17
Red-eared Slider	1
Grand Total	19

Grand Total All Species 1195

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January 2022 Report

Project Title:

Wildlife Rehabilitation

Wildlife Rescue Inc. of New Mexico (WRINM)

During the last six months of 2021 through January 14, 2022, over 1040 birds, mammals and reptiles were brought to the WRINM clinic by concerned individuals in need of help and guidance. Agencies and organizations that have used the services of WRINM for the care of displaced wildlife included, but were not limited to: NMDGF, New Mexico Parks and Recreation, Albuquerque Animal Services, Los Ranchos Animal Services, Edgewood Animal Services, Bernalillo County Animals Services, Rio Grande Zoo, Rio Rancho Animal Services, Santa Fe Country Club and Hawks Aloft.

COVID-19 restrictions continue to have an impact on the number of our face-to-face education programs, but the number of intakes reflects pre-covid levels. The public may not see us as much as usual, but they know we are open for business. We continue to work closely with the Rio Grande Nature Center to keep our operations open seven days a week, but we still have to use reduced hours and staff. Not only have we created educational videos (with the help of CNM students), but we have increased our online presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Last year Desert Cottontails were struggling with hemorrhagic fever. This year we find that pigeons have their own viral concerns, PMV (Paramyxovirus). Because this virus is so contagious and the number of birds evidencing symptoms so numerous, we have instituted safety protocols that protect the volunteers and other birds under our care. Some individual rehabilitators appear to have had great success treating pigeons with PMV.

Young mallards continue to be sent to their finishing school in the South Valley. Hopefully we can encourage other residents to foster mallards on their property for a soft release. Relying on one location for fostering is a burden, considering

the number of ducks that pass through our doors during the calendar year. While it is a successful program for the mallards, it is also very rewarding for those fostering them. They are able to watch the ducks as they tentatively learn to fly and explore their world before they take off for good. We would like to see this residential experience become more common.

Education programs and events for the public are slowly returning. We had 4 different events in the last 6 months, including a popular radio show and an open house with approximately 300 people in attendance. At the open house, rather than focus on fundraising, we focused on expanded family activities and learning experiences. It was well received.

A Senior Rehabber consulted with a local engineering firm on protected species and loss of habitat. After the consultation, she successfully raised and released a group of sibling horned larks; a happy ending for the engineering firm and the birds.

We have taken in some interesting mammals at the clinic this year. Veterinarians do not normally provide rehabilitation, so when a local vet performed surgery on a porcupine, he came to stay with us until he was strong enough to survive. We are currently housing a young skunk, who we expect will begin to “wild up” once Spring arrives and hormones flow. Hopefully he will be released soon.

Below, please find the listing of species and number of intakes for each.

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Wildlife Rescue Inc New Mexico - species count 7/1/21 - 1/14/22

Aves protected	Count	Aves non-protected	Count
◦ Accipitriformes	38	◦ Anseriformes	2
Cooper's Hawk	36	Domestic Duck	2
Swainson's Hawk	2	◦ Columbiformes	196
◦ Anseriformes	27	Rock Pigeon	196
Blue-winged Teal	1	◦ Galliformes	1
Canada Goose	3	Domestic Chicken	1
Mallard	15	◦ Passeriformes	69
Mallard Hybrid	1	European Starling	2
Wood Duck	7	House Sparrow	67
◦ Apodiformes	129	◦ Psittaciformes	1
Black-chinned Hummingbird	114	Budgerigar	1
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	5	Grand Total	269
Rufous Hummingbird	10		
◦ Caprimulgiformes	2		
Common Nighthawk	1		
Common Poorwill	1		
◦ Charadriiformes	2		
Lesser Yellowlegs	1		
Red-necked Phalarope	1		
◦ Columbiformes	149		
Eurasian Collared-dove	43		
Mourning Dove	36		
White-winged Dove	70		
◦ Cuculiformes	24		
Greater Roadrunner	24		
◦ Falconiformes	4		
American Kestrel	2		
Merlin	1		
Peregrine Falcon	1		
◦ Galliformes	12		
Gambel's Quail	4		
Ring-necked Pheasant	2		
Scaled Quail	6		
◦ Gaviiformes	2		
Common Loon	2		
◦ Passeriformes	206		
American Crow	13		
American Robin	26		
Barn Swallow	1		
Bewick's Wren	1		
Black-headed Grosbeak	7		
Bullock's Oriole	1		
Canyon Towhee	1		
Cliff Swallow	3		
Common Grackle	1		
Common Raven	2		
Curve-billed Thrasher	17		
Dark-eyed Junco	1		
Great-tailed Grackle	2		
Green-tailed Towhee	1		
Hermit Thrush	1		
House Finch	87		
Lazuli Bunting	1		
Lesser Goldfinch	16		
Macgillivray's Warbler	4		
Mountain Chickadee	1		
Northern Mockingbird	1		
Say's Phoebe	4		
Spotted Towhee	3		
Western Bluebird	1		
Western Kingbird	3		
Western Scrub Jay	3		
Western Tanager	1		
Wilson's Warbler	1		
Woodhouse Scrub-Jay	2		
◦ Pelecaniformes	3		
Cattle Egret	2		
Snowy Egret	1		
◦ Piciformes	7		
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1		
Northern Flicker	5		
Red-naped Sapsucker	1		
◦ Strigiformes	7		
Flammulated Owl	1		
Great Horned Owl	1		
Long-eared Owl	1		
Western Screech Owl	4		
Grand Total	612		

Mammalia	Count
◦ Carnivora	3
Long-tailed Weasel	1
Striped Skunk	2
◦ Chiroptera	3
Silver-haired Bat	1
Yuma Myotis	2
◦ Lagomorpha	85
Desert Cottontail	85
◦ Rodentia	63
House Mouse	10
Least Chipmunk	5
North American Porcupine	1
Rock Squirrel	38
Southern Plains Woodrat	1
White-footed Mouse	8
Grand Total	154

Reptilia	Count
◦ Testudines	9
Desert Box Turtle	1
Ornate Box Turtle	5
Red-eared Slider	3
Grand Total	9

Amphibia	Count
◦ Anura	1
Unidentified Frog	1
Grand Total	1

Grand Total All Species	1045
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