

Welcome to INSTINCTS

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"The newsletter helping you follow your Wild Instincts."

Summer of the Starving Eaglets

We in the Northwoods know what a brutal winter 2013-2014 was with its record shattering cold temperatures along with record snow falls. It was not fun for man nor beast.

The late cool spring also continued to affect the wildlife.

We never know what species of animals will need our help. We have an idea based on decades of experience what SHOULD be expected in a certain timeframe.

This year was a year of some surprises-few loon admissions, a handful of orphaned songbirds instead of normal numbers close to 100, no phoebes, not even common species like blue jays, and a non-existent fall orphan squirrel season to name a few.

One of the biggest surprises was the record number of starving eaglets this year. We've never seen numbers like this.

It could be a lingering effect of the brutal winter. Parents already stressed from the ruthless snow and cold may have had a hard time keeping up with hungry mouths. Reports from human anglers were polar opposites. Some reported great success while others said it was the worst fishing ever.

Could the eagles have been affected by poor fishing?

We will be releasing FIVE six month old eagles in a few weeks.



Approximately 7- week old bald eaglet



Just some of the eagles currently in the flight enclosure.

We Need Venison!

Because of the large number of starving eaglets, a couple bobcat kits, a couple coyote pups and a few adult eagles suffering from lead poisoning, our venison stores are alarmingly low.

With fall upon us we know some of you out there may be cleaning out your freezers. Our patients would love to have your old venison!

GRATITUDES

Special thanks to

- Russ Davis Wholesale, Merrill
 - Expera Specialty Solutions, Rhinelander
 - White Birch Village Resort, Boulder Junction
 - St Mathias Thrift Store, Minocqua
- For all the businesses supporting Wild Instincts click [HERE](#)



Female Ruby-throated Hummingbird is recovering from striking a window.

Windows vs Birds

With fall migration upon us and many birds on the move, we see admissions from birds sustaining injuries from striking windows. This is preventable. There are a number of products that make your windows appear more visible to birds, while still being almost invisible to you and allowing you to see out. Wild Instincts carries Window Alerts in our gift shop. Birds have so many obstacles to overcome in their long migrations. Our windows shouldn't be one of them.



She was lucky and was able to be released, just in time for fall migration.

In Memory or Honor of

Donations have been received
~ In Memory of Lisa Wiedmann, a kind, caring, wonderful person who will be missed by many
~ In Memory of Charlene Kerschhackl and In Honor of Heidi Kerschhackl, GSD, both special female spirits inspiring others

Thrivent Financial

Those of you who are members of Thrivent Financial will be happy to know Wild Instincts is now listed in Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice program. By directing Choice Dollars through Thrivent Choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations.

We have already benefited from this several times this quarter.

BUY & SELL ON eBay FOR WILD INSTINCTS!

You can support Wild Instincts when you buy or sell on eBay, with the eBay Giving Works Program. Here's how: Wild Instincts is a part of the eBay Giving Works External Link program. So, you can help us help them when you buy and sell on eBay.

Buy

You can find whatever you're looking for on eBay—from baseball cards to new cars and more. When you do, shop for items that benefit us. You can get a great deal and support us at the same time!

Shop now to support [WILD INSTINCTS](#)

Sell

You can also support us when you sell on eBay. Just designate Wild Instincts to receive 10-100% of your final sale price the next time you list something great.

Did you know that charity listings often get more bids and higher prices than regular

eBay listings? Boost your sales and support our wild friends while you're at it! Plus eBay gives back to you, too, with a fee credit on your basic selling fees.

To support Wild Instincts sell [NOW](#).

Attend a Virtual Fundraiser

Many of you have mentioned your disappointment at not being able to participate in supporting us at our fundraisers because of geography. Being unable to travel to our local fundraisers will no longer leave you feeling left out.

Through our eBay Giving Works program we will be having online auctions, virtual rummage sales and the like.

We will be announcing the first one just in time for holiday gift giving.



Eagle admissions this year seem to be multiplying just like their shadows in the flight enclosure.

You DO NOT have to be member of Facebook to follow us on Facebook. You can follow all our stories, photos and videos without joining Facebook. You simply can't comment on them unless you are a member of Facebook.

Click on the box to see for yourself.

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WISH LIST, AMAZON and NOW AMAZON SMILES

We are continually amazed and blessed by all those generous folks out there who take the time to check our list and go shopping. We'd like to say a big THANK YOU for helping us help them, no matter who you are out there.

Those Amazon users will be happy to know there's now ANOTHER way to support Wild Instincts...drumroll....just by shopping as usual for your own personal needs!

Instead of signing in to amazon.com, sign into smile.amazon.com. All your Amazon settings are the same, work the same, even Amazon Prime is the same.

The only difference is Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases to Wild Instincts. A super simple way to support us! Some even see a need and just respond without giving us a chance to list it on our wish list. Every time we receive an item to help our mission it gives us a great feeling. We cannot do this without you and your help.

Some select items from our wish list:

- ~Paper Towels
- ~FISH, fresh or frozen, whole or fillets
- ~VENISON
- ~Toilet Paper
- ~Treated 2x6's (8' & 10' lengths)



This river otter admitted as an orphan on 6/7 after being found in a nursing home parking lot. Here's her last peek back as she started her wild life on 9/20.

FAWNS to Release

The first one arrived on May 29, 2014 and they kept coming.

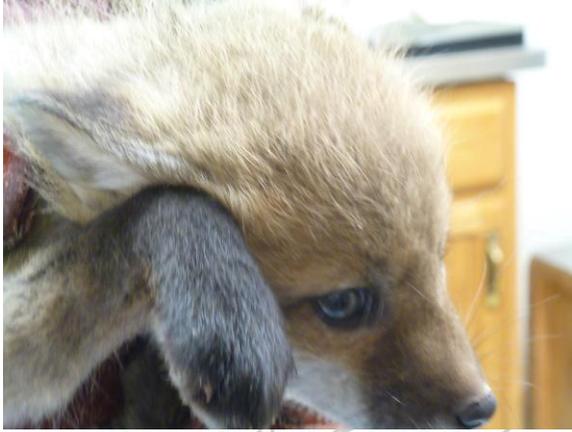


They went through 10 boxes of formula (at \$216.00/box). They ate hundreds of pounds of carrots, apples, sweet potatoes, potatoes, commercial deer food and wild browse. Each fawn cost about \$1350 to raise to release. Ten fawns were released in September.

Walking into a life in the Wild...



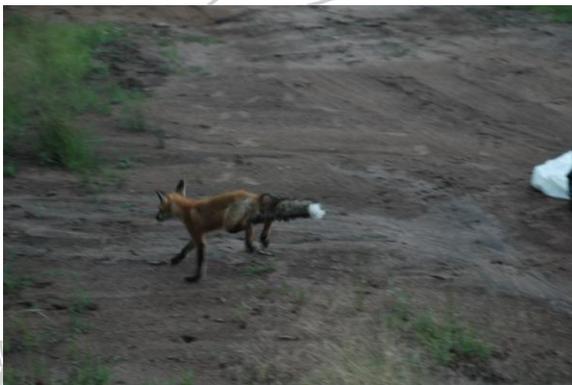
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Orphaned Red Fox Kit admitted 5/16



Same bobcat kitten on left on 8/23 when another young bobcat (on right) recently transferred was added to the pre-release enclosure.



Red Fox released 8/3



Coyote pup on admission on 6/13



Bobcat kitten being weighed upon admission, 6/13



Same coyote pup on left. More recently admitted, younger coyote pup on right.

Species	1/1-9/9/14		
American Badger	1	Red Squirrel	15
American Goldfinch	5	Red-bellied Woodpecker	1
American Robin	22	Red-tailed Hawk	2
American Toad	1	Ring-billed Gull	1
American Woodcock	3	River Otter	2
Bald Eagle	24	Rock Dove	7
Baltimore Oriole	2	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2
Barn Swallow	1	Rough-legged Hawk	1
Beaver	1	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	7
Belted Kingfisher	4	Ruffed Grouse	2
Big Brown Bat	9	Sandhill Crane	1
Black Bear	16	Short-tailed Weasel	1
Black-and-White Warbler	2	Snapping Turtle	22
Black-capped Chickadee	3	Song Sparrow	2
Blue Jay	2	Southern Flying Squirrel	2
Bobcat	4	Striped Skunk*	1
Broad-winged Hawk	6	Swainson's Thrush	2
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel	12
Canada Goose	10	Turkey Vulture	2
Chipping Sparrow	6	Unknown	5
Common Grackle	5	Western Painted Turtle	11
Common Loon	2	White-tailed Deer	32
Common Nighthawk	1	Wood Duck	7
Coyote	3	Wood Turtle	1
Deer Mouse	18	Woodchuck	1
Downy Woodpecker	3	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2
Eastern Bluebird	1	Total	535
Eastern Chipmunk	4		
Eastern Cottontail	85		
Eastern Gray Squirrel	27		
Gray Fox	2		
Great Blue Heron	3		
Great Horned Owl	3		
Green Frog	1		
Green Heron	1		
Hairy Woodpecker	3		
Hermit Thrush	1		
Herring Gull	1		
Hooded Merganser	4		
Indigo Bunting	1		
Least Flycatcher	1		
Little Brown Bat	1		
Mallard Duck	26		
Merlin	5		
Mourning Dove	10		
Muskrat	1		
Northern Flicker	9		
Northern Harrier	1		
Northern Saw-Whet Owl	1		
Peregrine Falcon	1		
Pied-billed Grebe	1		
Porcupine	1		
Purple Finch	1		
Raccoon	36		
Red Fox	4		

Events Calendar

Wild For Wine & Cheese Cruise

Sat, Sept 27th, Noon-2:00 p.m., Wisconsin River Cruises, Rhinelander. Join us on the Wisconsin River for wine, hors d'oeuvres, raffles and more!

Thank you for helping
us help them!