



Tamarack Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Center

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The Mission of TWREC

Our mission is to help Pennsylvania wildlife by

- Caring for injured, orphaned or ill wildlife in order to enable their return to the wild.
- Promoting appreciation and understanding of wildlife through education.

Admissions

At present time, Tamarack is able to admit birds of prey (all species and ages of eagles, hawks, falcons, owls and vultures), small birds (all ages of song birds, wood peckers, etc.), turtles and opossums. This is subject to change depending on case load. For more information, call 814-763-2574.

Hours

September to May
By Appointment



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1.800.732.0999

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Larry Slomski

Soaring to New Heights: Tamarack Eagle Patients Take Flight

Tamarack has been intensively treating Bald Eagles all year. Our first of nine eagle patients for 2015 was admitted January 13 and two remain in treatment. These eagles have come with a diversity of problems and ages, from a nestling whose nest was blown down, an adult hit by a vehicle, a three-year-old poisoned by eating a carcass containing lead ammunition. All have received expert care at Tamarack. Depending on the patient, this has included on-site blood lead testing, chelation therapy, surgery (surgery time donated by a veterinarian), physical therapy, laser treatments and conditioning in our eagle flight building.

Handling of these birds requires teams of 3 or more experienced volunteers. When intensive treatment is called for, teams may be needed two or three times a day, spaced at appropriate intervals. Our supporters, including the North Allegheny Conservation Association, have allowed us to pay for medical supplies and testing, which for eagles alone has exceeded \$2000. Supporters have also donated leather welders' jackets and tools to improve our safety and treatment of these powerful patients.



*Above: Release of adult Bald Eagle
Below: Three-year-old and juvenile Bald Eagles treated this year, now released.*

Veterinary support is key to our ability to treat our patients!

Thank you:

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Release! A large, powerful three year old female eagle admitted in April for a fractured wing was released in mid July and flew higher and higher until disappearing from view.



Currently in treatment for a concussion, this majestic adult female was admitted in September. She is recovering in our Eagle Flight Building.



In treatment for a fractured wing, this talkative young male Bald Eagle had surgery and is receiving physical therapy. Transferred to Tamarack from another center, he will remain in rehabilitation over the winter.



Freedom! An adult female eagle admitted in July with wounds and a fractured foot following combat with another eagle goes free on 9/11/2015.

Home again! A fledgling Bald Eagle from Goddard State Park was admitted with leg trauma and wounds in July after he caught his leg on a branch and hung upside down for a day. After treatment he was released in August and reunited with his parents and sibling.



A nestling Bald Eagle from Punxsutawney was admitted in May when his nest blew down in a storm. Once stabilized, we worked with the Game Commission to place him in a foster nest with two eaglets. The foster parents successfully raised all three.



"Vincent" the Great Horned Owl and sign



"Vincent Van GHOW"

Meet our Newest Raptor Ambassadors!

We are pleased to introduce our two newest raptor ambassadors: a Great Horned Owl named "Vincent" and a Peregrine Falcon!

"Vincent" comes to us from Owl Moon Rehabilitation Center in Maryland. He was treated for wing and foot injuries, probably sustained in a car impact. He is healthy but has one amputated toe and is not able to fly well. He often hoots to those caring for him.

Great Horned Owls are the most numerous owls in Pennsylvania, as well as North America, and have the classic hooting call associated with owls. Often using abandoned crow nests to raise their young, these owls lay eggs in February, earlier than any other bird in our area.

You might wonder why this bird is nicknamed "Vincent." When first found, he was missing one of the classic feather tufts that give this species the name Great Horned. His caregivers gave him the nickname "Van GHOW" in reference to the one-eared artist Vincent Van Gogh and the biologist's abbreviation for this species, GHOW. Although his ear tufts have now grown back, Tamarack volunteers called him "Vincent



"Peregrine Ambassador"

Van GHOW" when he first arrived, and the name has stuck!

Our sleek, striking Peregrine Falcon is a smart and curious bird. In April 2015, he was found with a concussion and wing injury near Seattle, Washington, and was treated at Sarvey Wildlife Center. Although he is now able to fly short distances, he is not able to survive in the wild. As part of his training, he steps onto a handler's glove for his meals and enjoys exchanging head bows, a social gesture among peregrines.

Peregrines are streamlined aerialists and have been clocked at over 200 mph when diving for prey. Their population crashed due to pesticide poisoning in the mid 20th century. Still considered endangered in PA, their numbers are now rebounding thanks to collaborative reintroduction efforts among falconers, university researches, and government agencies.

You can help name this bird! In the coming months, once ready to go on programs, we will invite the public to submit names for this charismatic raptor. Watch Tamarack's Facebook page for an announcement.

Spread the Word: Lead Ammunition Poisons Eagles!

Tamarack treats several Bald Eagles each year that have been accidentally poisoned by eating carcasses containing lead ammunition. Despite expensive, intensive treatment, usually they do not recover. Please spread the word: Hunters can help by either switching to non-lead ammunition or by burying carcasses if using lead, so wildlife do not ingest it. More information about switching ammunition can be found at www.huntingwithnonlead.org.



Bald Eagle admitted in August 2015 with lead in its stomach. The bird died despite treatment.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PERCH

Sarah Sargent

The cycle of the seasons is turning and we look back on a busy year and have a chance to catch our breaths as we head into winter. So many exciting things have happened! We had an emergency fund drive for a new freezer in early August (on Facebook) to which many people responded- enough to buy our beautiful new freezer in less than a day! We then participated in Erie Gives Day and, thanks to you, had our most successful one ever!

We had support this year from two grants for specific aspects of our work. The Northern Allegheny Conservation Association (NACA) supported a portion of our expenses for eagle medical care. We have had lots of expenses in this area this year, with nine eagles total so far, all of which required x-rays, medications, and various other treatments. A second grant from the Kenneth Scott Charitable Trust allowed us to send Carol Holmgren, our Executive Director and Wildlife Rehabilitator, for advanced training at the Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota, as well as covering some other expenses in our education work.

In the past year our educators have given 60 presentations reaching 4600 audience members with our resident raptor educational ambassadors. We are very excited with the two newest raptor ambassadors, and are working to train them to start their new careers in education.

Thank you all so very much for your financial contributions, without which we could not do what we do. Wild creatures face challenges, often due to human alterations of their habitats, and we at Tamarack do our best to get them back on their feet- or wings- to continue their lives in our shared corner of Pennsylvania.

2016 Wildlife First Responders Course

Have you ever wished you'd known how to handle a wildlife emergency? A hawk hit by a car on a roadside? Ducklings stranded away from their mother? Back by popular demand, a Wildlife First Responder course will be held in February.

This course will teach you when to intervene and when not to, and how to capture, stabilize and transport injured birds. Participants have gone on to become dispatchers, transporters, on-site volunteers and board members, in addition to learning how to respond when they find wildlife in need. The class will run for three weeks on Tuesdays: February 16, 23, and March 1 (with a snow date of March 8) from 6:30-8:30pm in Edinboro. Plan to attend all three classes. Cost is \$25 and includes handouts. Registration information will be available on the website, or call the center (814-763-2574). Previous participants are welcome to attend for review at no cost, but should register.



Red-tailed Hawk

Remembering Pierre

Carol Holmgren and Kris Steiner



Our ambassador Peregrine Falcon, Pierre, passed away suddenly this summer at the age of 15. His engaging personality touched all who knew him. After being admitted from Erie for wing and shoulder injuries, he joined our education program in 2001.

He was so smart and such a show-off in front of an audience! We could always count on him to spread his wings and flap like he was going to take off but his talons would grip the glove tightly. People would "ooh" and "ahh" and we could almost see him smiling! Over his lifetime, he reached 60,000 people.

Pierre recognized the people who worked with him and would speak loudly when they were near. When "on the glove" he would give complete attention to the person he was with and enjoying exchanging head bows. His slate gray feathers were beautiful and when he was in the sun he would spread his wings and soak in the rays. As one who knew him said, "Pierre will remain within each of our hearts as we remember the beautiful moments we have shared with him over the years."

May your spirit fly free, dear friend.

Summer into Fall at the Center

As the seasons turn, our rate of admissions is slowing. It's been a busy year! We have admitted almost 400 patients including 30 Red-tailed Hawks, 9 Bald Eagles, 13 Eastern Screech Owls, 11 Great Horned Owls, 11 Kestrels and more. Many are now free again, thanks to your support, from Bluebirds and Map Turtles to Bald Eagles. Eagle care has been particularly demanding this year and our on-site volunteers have "stepped up" to work safely in teams to provide care for our most powerful patients.

Our songbird sub-rehabilitator Gina Kron has raised a record 91 young songbirds, nearly double last year. Our volunteer phone dispatchers teach callers how to reunite young songbirds with their parents whenever appropriate. When that isn't successful, Gina does an outstanding job raising them with a specialized diet and makes sure they have foraging skills prior to release. Our most common small avian patients included 19 Robins and 16 Mourning Doves, but Gina also raised Bluebirds, Northern Flickers, Baltimore Orioles, Hummingbirds,



Summer supervisor Lee Streshenkoff releases an Eastern Screech Owl

Downey Woodpeckers, Cedar Waxwings and Chimney Swifts.

This year Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission developed a permit to be able to rehabilitate herpetofauna species. Tamarack's application has been approved, so Tamarack now has permits for wildlife rehabilitation from three agencies: the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service,

Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and we submit annual reports to each office. Good record keeping is an important part of wildlife rehabilitation!

Thank you to all our members, on-site volunteers, dispatchers and medics for your outstanding service to wildlife!



Map Turtle released after 2 years treatment for shell fracture.

Thank you to our summer and fall helpers: summer supervisor Lee Streshenkoff; Allegheny College Bonner leaders Meric Islam, Drew Hodgkiss, Bryce Howe; volunteers Andrea Alcorn, Martha Consola, Jason Derry, Amanda DiCola, Chris Green, Mary Haines, Janelle Harrawood, Emily Kitchen, Melanie McClearn, Cathy Meigel, Daniele Moffat, Hanna Mosbacher, Jenny Orloff, Jodi Sipos, Larry and Linda Slomski, Russ Sundy, Stephanie Wunderly, Olivia, Eve and Hannah Wyman, Andrea Vandervort and college students Arden Delphay, Larry Ferguson, Abby Hileman, Blake Johnson, Zach Matuch, David McQuillan, Allysa Nelson, Jessica Schombert, Dan Swann, and Danielle Thiemann.

Our outstanding raptor educators are Cathy Meigel, Martha and Bob Sterba, Richard Wyman and Terrie Swanson.

Thank you to our wildlife medics: Joe Goertz, Janelle Harrawood, Gina Kron, Sue Pratt, Sarah Sargent and Jessica Williams. Our fabulous Wildlife Emergency Dispatchers, coordinated by Bob Hartman are:

Carol Brown, Rita Gannoe, Joe Goertz, Jim Fitch, Mary Halko, Julie Hirt, Denise Hudson, Marc John, Lynne Martin, Roberta McCall, Barb Mitchell-Stull, Grace Ossa, Susan Scholz, Marcella Smith and Sharon Wesoky.

Miracle of the Freezer

Thanks to our wonderful supporters, Tamarack has a beautiful new 17 cubic foot freezer. Our freezers are critical to keep fresh a supply of food for our wildlife patients. In July we were alarmed to find one of our three freezers had stopped functioning. Amazingly, when our need was posted on Facebook, in less than twelve hours, enough funds were donated to purchase a replacement freezer. Just in time to be delivered so we could receive a large shipment of food. Thank you! Thank you! To all who helped.



Carol Holmgren at The Raptor Center, U of MN

and rehabilitators including Lori Arent, Drs. Willette, Ponder and Reddig, and Gail Buhl. In this photo, Carol is practicing creance technique using a fishing pole to evaluate and exercise a Barred Owl patient prior to release.

Fishing for Owls?

In May, Tamarack's licensed rehabilitator Carol Holmgren attended a week-long raptor rehabilitation workshop at the renowned Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota.

In this intensive experience she learned from world class expert veterinarians

New Members and Contributors Fall 2015

*To better serve the Center, we are transferring information to a new database.
We apologize if there have been any omissions during this transition.*

GOLDEN EAGLE \$1000+

- Barard, Karen
- Lane, John B.
- Pymatuning Sportsmen's Club
- Wieczorek, Judith & Ames, BJ

PEREGRINE \$500+

- DeArment, Bill & Linda
- Gleeson, Bob & Linda
- Haines, Bill & Mary
- Meadville Field Archers
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- Ridge Road Taxidermy
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- Wright, Scott & Picardo, Carla
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GREAT HORNED OWL \$100+

- Benezette Elk Camera Club
- Bissett, Kim
- Bluebird Society of PA
- Brady, Allison & Tim
- Caldwell, Rick
- Celestial Brides & Prom
- Christian Critter Kids
- Larson, Christopher & Patricia
- Crawford County Sportsmen's Council
- Cronk, Ene
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- Holmgren, Rick
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- Kitchen, Judith
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- Leberman, Robert
- Martin, Bob and Lynne
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- Osborn, Danelle
- Powers, Todd & Kirstan
- Photoholics
- Sublette, David
- Wild Birds Unlimited



Orphaned opossums

KESTREL/FAMILY \$30+

- Baxter, James
- Bull, Mary Ann
- Butor, Maureen
- Corey, Linda
- Eyler, Dr. & Mrs. J. Albert
- Fuhrman, Donald
- Gebhardt, Carol Wilson
- Gross, Amy and Mark
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- Levin, Jane
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- Moffat, Marie
- Moore, David & Christine
- Runser, Carol
- Weisebach, Sue
- White, Harry
- Yuran, Deborah

CHICKADEE/ INDIVIDUAL \$20+

- Anderson, Arleen
- Baer, Christy
- Bojewski, Colleen
- Booth, Donna
- Braddock, Natalie
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- Desiderio, Denise Angeli
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- Morris, Lisa
- Morris, Susan
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- Schlosser, Jim
- Smith, Sharon
- Swanson, Charlie
- Tepper, Melanie
- The Hoag Family
- Waldo, Karen
- Wilkes, Dan



American Kestrels raised and released once grown

IN HONOR OF:

- "Lynne Martin" by Jerry Hess & Janice Snyder-Hess
- "Lynne Martin" by Natalie Bradock
- "Lynne Martin" by Denise Desiderio
- "Lynne Martin" by Penelope Duriano
- "Lynne Martin" by Dr. & Mrs. J. Albert Eyler
- "Lynne Martin" by Todd & Kirstan Powers
- "Jeanne Kern" by Robert Gross
- "Bob & Martha Sterba" by Hanna & Alex Sterba
- "Imogene Yetman" by William Yetman
- "Louis Wagner's 75th Birthday" by Adrian Wagner



Juvenile Bald Eagle release

IN MEMORY OF:

- "Neil Wilson (Her father)" by Carol Wilson Gebhardt
- "Parents Tom & Hertha Herron" by Kathleen H. Herron
- "Charles Chatfield" by Mary Chatfield
- "Ruby" (Ron Oswald's therapy dog Doberman Pincher & member of Paws Hand Delivered Therapy Group) by Ruth Prest



Fall 2015 In-Kind Contributors

- Al's Melons
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Wish List



*American Robin
raised from
nestling and
released*

- Paper Towels
- Dawn Dish Detergent
- Liquid laundry detergent for High Efficiency Machines (HE)
- Trash bags, 30 gallon
- Forever Stamps
- Medca Cohesive Bandage, 2".
Box of 12 either rainbow or tan for bandaging
- Hol-ee Roller Dog Toy for raptor enrichment
- Dura-fused Canvas Dog Toys for raptor enrichment
- Kaytee Natural Woven Apple Toss Toy for enrichment
- Pillow Cases, Flat Sheets (clean, used)
- Surgical drape (unused from hospital surgeries)
- Frozen venison or wild caught fish to supplement diet
for eagles and hawks
- Wood Pine or Ash shavings for bedding (not cedar)



*Bluebird raised from
nestling by Tamarack's
songbird specialist,
Gina Kron*

Sponsorships Make Great Gifts

You can give a sponsorship of our ambassador raptors for \$25.00 per year. Sponsors receive a certificate of sponsorship, a 5x7 photograph and a brochure about the bird they are sponsoring. Additionally, sponsors' names are displayed by the bird's enclosure and sponsors may arrange to visit the Center for a personal encounter.

Indicate which animal(s) you would like to sponsor.

Send this form, along with a check for \$25 per animal per year to: **TWREC, 21601 Stull Road, Saegertown, PA 16433.**

- ☐ Lady Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk
- ☐ Willow, Eastern Screech Owl
- ☐ Spirit Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk
- ☐ Jedi, Merlin Falcon
- ☐ Vincent, Great Horned Owl

- ☐ Sophia, Barred Owl
- ☐ Jasper, Eastern Screech Owl
- ☐ Alice, Cooper's Hawk
- ☐ Peregrine Falcon

*Sophia,
Barred Owl*



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Larry Stomski

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If your membership is not up for renewal, but you want to help further financially, your additional donation or memorial contribution is always welcomed.

Send contributions to:

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- ☐ Individual/Chickadee.....\$20
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