



SUMMER 2021

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PWC CALENDAR

Monthly Board Meeting – Second Tuesday of the month at 10am (held via Zoom).

Hotline & Rescue Transport Trainings (held via Zoom).

Our friends at Oak & Otter Brewing Company are offering a new brew "Keeping It Wild IPA" - \$2 per pint will be donated to PWC. Pouring now until the beer runs out! Brewery located at 181 Tank Farm Road, Suite 110, in SLO. Please, drink responsibly.

SAVE THE DATE

for PWC's biggest fundraiser of the year: Soupabration!



Sunday, November 7

In the afternoon
(Time to be confirmed)

New Location:

The Historic Octagon Barn
in San Luis Obispo

Want to join the Planning Committee?
Contact Executive Director,
Christine Johnson,
christine@pacificwildlifecare.org
or call 805-305-3759



giving wildlife a Second Chance

HANGING OUT FOR THE WINTER AT PWC by Pam Hartmann

Say you're a youngster born into a traveling circus family. Your troupe spends spring and summer in one area, then pulls up stakes to journey south for fall and winter. You've barely got a toehold in life when disaster strikes: you are seriously injured. Fortunately, some kindly folks at a local hospital take you in and treat your injuries. You recover. But by then winter has arrived, and your circus family left long ago for the south, not to return to the area until spring.

This is basically the case of three young migratory birds who overwintered at Pacific Wildlife Care, two Hooded Orioles and a Black-headed Grosbeak: a nestling, a fledgling, and a juvenile. One had been caught by a cat and another by a dog. Both had puncture wounds, and one required sutures. The third had fallen from the nest and had serious issues with feather condition.

One of the Orioles, found in Santa Barbara, was eventually brought to PWC's Morro Bay Clinic to

be with the other, a "conspecific," one of his own.

Although the Grosbeak wasn't their conspecific, in the wild the two species tend to "occupy the same areas and migration patterns," Rehabilitation Technician Kelley Boland says. So in time, after healing from their injuries, all three became roommates in Aviary 2 for the winter because "birds always do better when they have other birds around, not people." By early spring all were fully feathered, in good health, and flying like champs.

But these are migratory birds who depend on a flock for survival. They needed their "traveling circus troupe."

On April 1, good news came of a flock of Hooded Orioles in Atascadero, back from Central America for the spring. And by "great coincidence," Boland says, a few Black-headed Grosbeaks were seen nearby, in the next yard.

Rescue-Transport Team members Kathy Simpson and Morgan Nolan were dispatched with the gratifying task of releasing them.

They set down the carrier and opened it. Within seconds, the three birds returned to the wild, to the seasonal rhythm of the troupe.



Hooded Oriole flies from transport carrier. Free!
Photo by: Morgan Nolan

RECENT "IN MEMORY OF" DONATIONS & LOSSES

Thank you to all the friends, family who donated to P.W.C. in memory of **David Perry**:

Joanne A., Sue B., Karen B., Bea F., Freddy H., Jane H., Vicky J., Jackie K. Marcia/Dave L., Ann L., Stephanie L., Roseann M., Judy N., Monica P., Steve & Kaaren P., Janet S., Marcia S., Rosalie V., Brian/Naheta V., Allesandra/Christopher V.

Our thoughts are with Kaaren & Steve and we are grateful to those who remembered **David** (who loved wildlife) in this generous way.

Other "in memory of" donations given for:

Claire Barger, Monica Cantu, Sharon Dorsey, David Harris, Ron Hillary, Larry Mattson, Nancy Muentner, Thomas Muran, Maralee Schneider, Duane Waddell, Thomas Weddle.

R.I.P. to a our generous volunteers: **Richard Baccigaluppi, Sandy Schneider**

R.I.P. to a VERY generous supporter, **Cleve Nash III**, who, since 2008 (along with his wife Anne and entire family), donated his wildlife photography & wild photo cards, was a monthly subscriber and made donations to PWC in honor of family birthday and holidays.



Photo of Cleve Nash by Heather O'Connor

January-April 2021

- 1 Acorn Woodpecker
- 1 American Coot
- 1 American Crow
- 1 American Kestrel
- 2 Anna's Hummingbird
- 1 Barn owl
- 1 Bewick's Wren
- 1 Black-headed Grosbeak
- 1 Bobcat
- 3 Botta's Pocket Gopher
- 1 Brant
- 2 Brush Rabbit
- 1 Cackling Goose
- 1 California Gull
- 1 California Quail
- 1 California Thrasher
- 2 Cedar Waxwing
- 2 Clark's Grebe
- 1 Common Murre
- 3 Common Poorwill
- 1 Cooper's Hawk
- 4 Deer Mouse
- 9 Desert Cottontail
- 6 Domestic Rabbit
- 4 Eared Grebe
- 13 Eurasian Collared-dove
- 1 Golden-crowned Sparrow
- 1 Gopher Snake
- 2 Great Horned Owl
- 1 Hermit Thrush
- 2 Hooded Oriole
- 2 House Finch
- 1 House Mouse
- 1 Lesser Goldfinch
- 3 Mallard
- 1 Merlin
- 3 Mexican Free-tailed Bat
- 1 Muskrat
- 1 Northern Fulmar
- 3 Northern Raccoon
- 1 Red-eared Slider
- 2 Red-shouldered Hawk
- 9 Red-tailed Hawk
- 1 Red-throated Loon
- 20 Rock Pigeon
- 1 Townsend's Big-eared Bat
- 1 Townsend's Warbler
- 1 Turkey Vulture
- 1 Violet-green Swallow
- 18 Virginia Opossum
- 1 Vole
- 1 Western Bluebird
- 8 Western Grebe
- 5 Western Gull
- 1 Western Screech Owl
- 2 White-crowned Sparrow
- 1 Yellow-rumped Warbler

162 Total

HANGING GULL

by Sam Peck

A PWC Hotline Volunteer called to ask me to help a bird who was hanging from a tree in Pismo Beach. When I got to the Sand Castle Hotel, on the waterfront, I checked with the front desk manager, who had called our hotline.

This was a very busy Saturday morning with guests in the lobby asking for someone to "please help that poor bird."

I walked outside to the front of the hotel and looking up, saw a gull hanging in mid-air near the top of a very tall palm tree. (Fishing line tangled around its wing!)

It was a good fifty feet off the ground and flapping around. Rescue seemed pretty impossible but, I asked the manager to show me the maintenance supply room with the hope of finding some kind of pole. Luckily, there was a pole duster used for skylights and it extended to about twenty feet.

We got permission to go into the third floor guest room, directly across from the palm, and found the gull was still *another* twenty feet above us. The extended pole only reached to its feet. So, I stood on a chair on the room's balcony and now I could reach the duster above the bird.

Twisting the pole I got it to tangle up with the fishing line and I was able to pull the bird most of the way down. The gull was about four feet away when the line suddenly broke! But: I was able to grab the bird and get it into my rescuer carrier.

Meanwhile, a crowd had gathered on the sidewalk below and on the guestroom decks, all excited about my rescue show.

Luckily, the gull didn't appear to be in bad shape considering its ordeal. It's now in Flight 1 and will be released soon!

I determined that someone likely used monofilament line as kite string, which was of course invisible to the gull who got tangled flying into it and wound up hanging from the palm tree.

Suggestion: Don't use fishing line for kite string!



THE PRESIDENT'S PERCH

by Kimberly Perez

Happy Summer! How quickly time flies even during a pandemic! Yet here we are, in the blink of an eye, six months into 2021: rounding 3rd base and into the home stretch (Covid-wise). While we're just approaching 1st base with our busy, 'baby' season! Summertime buzzes with activity when the number of wildlife cases with so many different species are moving through the rehabilitation process at one time!

Our staff – hardworking, and nimble – ensure each individual patient is provided the very best care until ready for release. As to the volunteer help needed during this busy time, Covid vaccinations saved the day! Having been on hold since December, our dedicated Clinic and Front Desk Volunteers have returned to assist with the 'increased' workload. That will continue through the end of September.

Our "inaugural" (*her words, not mine!*) Executive Director, Christine Johnson, has jumped right in with both feet, at a sprint pace and is making significant headway in securing PWC's future. She is bringing the PWC teams together as one, focusing on unity and transparency as we begin this thoughtful and methodical transition to a new location in the next few years.

I'm proud to be a part of PWC for many reasons. Especially compelling is the impact of our mission for the community we serve when they need our help the most—with injured orphaned, and sick wildlife or when they inquire about how to better co-exist with our non-human neighbors.

We have said, many times, "*It takes a village*" – (supporters, members, board, staff, volunteers) working in partnership with our community to make a difference for all the creatures with whom we share this planet. Coretta Scott King takes it one step further, "*The greatness of a community is ... measured by the compassionate actions of its members.*" So, today, a simple message — Kindness Matters! We thank YOU for your great support!

10 WAYS TO SUPPORT PWC

- Bill Pay or Monthly-Subscription Membership** – The BEST! Bill Pay (set-up at your bank) to pay every month, as there are no fees deducted! Second best: Monthly subscription via credit card or PayPal
- Annual Membership** – Especially powerful when one's finances allow an amount beyond the minimum membership level. *Our MAIN source of funds (allowing us to care for wildlife)*
- Gift Membership** – Give one or ask for one. Perfect for birthdays, holidays or *any* special occasion
- In Memory of or In Honor of** – Honor a loved one or beloved pet by donating in their name
- Donate your car** – See pacificwildlifecare.org
- Sign up at Smile on Amazon** – A portion of your purchase can benefit PWC if you list PWC as your non-profit at smile
- Estate Planning, Traditional IRA RMD Required Minimum Withdrawal sent to PWC avoids taxes for those over 70 ½.** Talk to your estate planner or financial planner who will need our EIN number: 77-0196350
- Our New Updated Wish List** – Check it out at: www.smile.amazon.com
- Spread the word about PWC** – Encourage friends, family, neighbors to join in supporting us, put our “Second Chance” newsletters at your dentist, doctors waiting rooms
- VOLUNTEER** – Always appreciated and very much needed! Sign-up at our website

VOLUNTEERS

COVID CASES DECLINING & VOLUNTEERS RETURNING

As things ease up here in San Luis Obispo County (with our staff fully vaccinated), we are planning to initiate “Phase II” of our re-opening, welcoming Volunteers back!

During this Phase: we will reinstate the middle shift, expand the opening and closing shifts, we'll resume having our Front Desk Volunteers answering phones and meeting animal rescuers. To reduce the number of people in the clinic simultaneously, and allow for greater social distancing, we are changing the hours of the late shift to 4:00-8:00 p.m. This will eliminate the overlap of volunteer's shifts that had previously occurred between the middle and late shifts.

We welcome all of our wonderful, generous Volunteers (and we know that the Volunteers are happy to be back.) Hip, hip, hooray!

DON'T BE A BIRD - NAPPER!

I am a Black-headed Grosbeak fledgling, which means I have just left my nest and can't quite fly yet. I have feathers, a short tail, and am likely easy to catch — I don't know I should be afraid of people and pets yet! I may be on the ground but my parents are taking care of me. If I am not injured or in harm's way, please leave me alone and keep people and pets away from me. If I have wandered into a dangerous place, just pick me up and put me under a nearby shrub or bush.

Welcome New Members & Donors (January – April 2021)

Kiersten Anderson
Shannon Asquith
Cally Barrier
Elisa Becerra
Kenneth A. Briggs
Shaunie Briggs
Andrea Brkic
Karen Brockway
Casandrah Carreon
Lori Brief-Chavez
Denise Chouinard
Lovesse Clopper
Katherine Cochran
Shayla Covington
Aubrey Davis
Gayson Dole
Raquel Elias
Susan Finnsen
Leah Fogelson
Joni Gardner
Gerber's Auto Services
Grace Greenelsh

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Kevin Hansen
Michaela Harrison
Terry Hershberger
Michele Hoffecker
Danita Hollinger
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Stacy Hughes
Justin Hurst
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Catherine Jessup
Jim Johnston
Lila Johnson
Sarah & Aron Kardashian
Jody Kennemer
David Kilburn & David Perez
Denise King
Tamara Laken
Mark Leichtfuss
Janis Lewis
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Mia Lowry

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Sheryl Meyer
Kerri Missamore
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Frank Morgan
Henrietta Morales
Maria Neuman
Russ Newman
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Theresa Pena
Cayucos Pharmacy
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Bill Prange
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Diane Rinehart
Brianna Richardson
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Colleen Rosenthal

Gregg Schallen
Tom Sears
John Seidel
Elizabeth Silveira
Sherry Sim
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Candy Smet
James Smith
Patti & Ken Smith
Carol Spoeneman
Jeneane Stevenson
Kate Stockstell
Lynda Todd
Serra Tranmer
Jill Vance
Michael & Joseph Vavroch
Genna Vieira
Nell Wade
Derek Wall
Jeanine West
Anne Wilson
Christina Ybarra



Photo by Jim Tyler

This 22-year-old Red-tailed Hawk (#20-2681 in our database) was finally released on 2/19/2021. She was returned to her rescue location in Los Osos by Pam Hartmann and Jim Tyler.

Spring Sprang at PWC!

In March we took in 159 cases but in April it was 246 cases!

Great Horned Owlet
in care at PWC



PWC's mission is to support San Luis Obispo wildlife through rehabilitation and educational outreach. We envision Pacific Wildlife Care as an advocate for wildlife. By sharing our experiences, we inspire community participation to reduce harm to our wild neighbors.

SPECIAL THANK YOUS

John Baumgart and David Pope – for rebuilding the support frame around the south pool in Flight 1. Thanks also to staff for assisting in the draining and refilling of the pool.

Dave Pope – for making the trip to Animal Services every two-three weeks with carcass disposal.

Bob & Sharon Blakely – for transporting a stow-away juvenile Douglas Squirrel back to Lake Tahoe Wildlife (arrived in SLO county under the hood of a car!) AND, for transporting an orphaned bobcat to Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation Center in Morgan Hill so he can be raised with other bobcat babies

Sari Pinto - Taking over Volunteer's "Critter Corner" Special **THANK YOU** to all who supported Windows into Wildlife Online Auction. YOU helped us raise over \$13,000!



Membership/Donations Save Lives

“ Yes, I would like to give wildlife a second chance! ”

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