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Mask Making at Laughing Planet

Come celebrate Halloween with a special visit with a night creature! Join us this coming Sunday, October 25th, at the Blair Boulevard **Laughing Planet**, between 1:00 and 5:00. Meet Dmitri, our ambassador Eurasian Eagle Owl, and make an owl mask just in time for trick or treating.



Laughing Planet is donating 15% of all food purchases throughout the day to Cascades Raptor Center. This is a TREAT!



Laughing Planet, 760 Blair Blvd, Eugene 97402.

Local Girl Makes Good

A young peregrine falcon, our case number 15-162, fell from her Oregon coast nest on Yaquina Head after a soap opera-worthy family history: dad disappeared shortly after eggs were laid; step-dad shows up and takes over feeding mom during incubation; mom disappears when chicks are about 4 weeks old; step-dad continues to bring whole food; new two-year old female shows up but not only doesn't help with parenting but attacks youngsters in the nest and on the ground! Two chicks fledge successfully, and are erratically fed by step-dad; two fledge not so successfully, amid attacks by the young adult female and crows. One dies and the other is captured by nest-watchers, taken to Chintimini Wildlife in Corvallis, and treated for



Halloween Decorations



If you are decorating for Halloween, please keep wildlife in mind. Nights are getting dark early, birds are migrating - and fake cobwebs can be a real hazard. We've had to extricate Sharp-shinned Hawks and the birds they are chasing, and know of incidents with owls and other species of wildlife being trapped in decorative webbing. Just draped over a bush can be ominous and scary, and probably safe - but please think before putting them anywhere that might be an active flyway. Thanks!

And on to our 26th year!

We sincerely appreciate all who helped us celebrate our 25th anniversary year! We had a great turn-out (over 1600 visitors!) our Free Week: our way of thanking our community for all its support these first 25 years. And we are deeply grateful for the support of Mountain Rose Herbs for making that week possible.



We hope we can count on all our friends, members, and supporters to help us keep going for at least another 25 years, rescuing and releasing birds; educating and

emaciation and a minor foot problem.

This surviving youngster (a female) was transferred to Cascades Raptor Center on July 15th for conditioning and hunt training in preparation for release. We treated her for on-going foot problems and had to replace her whole tail because of stress marks/hunger traces from her dysfunctional development. Radiographs taken in August revealed a possible dislocation of her right humerus at the shoulder - but it did not seem to impact her ability to fly. When transferred to Alan Jenkins, a local falconer, for initial training and conditioning, her wing beats were symmetrical and powerful, and it's possible that the young bird was able to remodel, in effect, a new shoulder joint.

Peregrine Falcons are high-speed, bird-catching machines. They need powerful flight muscles and a lot of hunting practice, which normally a young falcon would get while still receiving care from its parents. This week, the peregrine's journey towards potential release continues. She is being transferred to another falconer, in Klamath Falls, for more intense muscle conditioning and hunt training. She needs to learn to recognize ducks and pheasants as appropriate prey, as well as pigeons - and get the chance to practice how to hunt them successfully. At this point, these are skills she can really only achieve with a falconer, since her parents are not available. Cascades Raptor Center sincerely appreciates the help from the falconry community in giving this bird every opportunity to be returned to the wild. We wish her the best of luck during this next stage of her learning process!

'Tis almost the Season!

Planning your holiday shopping? You're a CLICK away from supporting the Cascades Raptor Center!

The shopping you do, whether online or in the store, is the ticket. It's easy, costs you nothing, and it can mean hundreds of dollars to us.

Click the links below to sign up and choose Cascades Raptor Center as your charity of choice.

Fred Meyer's Community Rewards - register your rewards card to support CRC #80821

<http://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4>

eScrip Online Mall - begin shopping online

here: <http://groups.escrrip.com/jsp/mall.jsp?ref=g}?id=500007166> Also check out local stores who contribute a percentage to your non-profit of choice by registering your credit or debit card through **eScrip**.

Amazon.com Smile - start your shopping with this

link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-1038827>

iGive.com - begin your online shopping through this

link: <http://www.igive.com/CascadesRaptorCenter>

Good Search - start here and support the Raptor Center while you search:

http://www.goodsearch.com/causes/search?utf8=%E2%9C%93&cause_query=Cascades+Raptor+Center&button=

or **Good Shop** - dozens of great online stores who contribute a percentage of your purchase value to us. Go to www.GoodShop.com, choose your charity (we are

exciting thousands about the beauty and intricacy of nature. Thank you!

Membership Benefit!



There are many benefits to being a member of a nature center, including free admission, program and gift store discounts, member only events, and supporting a great community organization. *Also, did you know that you might receive member benefits at **other** nature centers?*

Cascades Raptor Center is a member of the ANCA (Association of Nature Center Administrators) Reciprocal Network, a voluntary group of member centers that reciprocate free or discounted admission and/or gift store and program purchases to one another's members. More than 180 centers nationwide participate in this program. Visit a network center when you travel! You can click to see a list of participating nature centers [here](#).

The Raptor Center has also entered into a reciprocal agreement with three aquariums: **San Antonio Aquarium / Austin Aquarium / Portland Aquarium**. Our members get a 50% discount on admission to these facilities and can enjoy unique interactive experiences. Guests can hand feed sharks, rays, birds, and fish, or get up close and personal with many of the reptiles and other animals on exhibit. In San Antonio, kids can also play on bounce houses and trampolines at the I-Guana Jump Bounce House.

Be sure to bring along your Cascades Raptor Center membership card!

Progress!

listed - just put Cascades Raptor Center in the Choose Your Cause search box),
Thank you for letting the birds be part of your plans at this special time of the year.

Staging for Migration



Turkey Vultures on top of Spencer Butte; by Rick Ahrens



Edison, our relatively new resident Red-tailed Hawk that suffered severe injuries from electrocution last year, successfully completed his first off-site education program this week! He visited Green Valley Rehabilitation Center along with our Great-Horned Owl Valentino, and Peregrine Falcon Freyja. He was rock solid. Good work, Edison!

During our 25th Anniversary Free Week, we received hundreds of name suggestions for our new Swainson's Hawk - a fierce and endearing young female. Staff has chosen the name RIPLEY, in honor of a strong and independent movie heroine who successfully fought off aliens. Ripley continues to make great progress in her training and is currently working towards traveling off-site. Thanks to all those who contributed a name suggestion!

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