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Thanksgiving

We will be closed to the public on Thanksgiving Day (and Christmas Day) to give our staff and volunteers the chance to be with their families. But don't worry! We'll still have folks here taking care of the birds and available for rescues, should the unfortunate happen. Hope to see lots of visitors on Friday (much better than going to the mall!) or the coming weekend.



We wish our entire community of fans and supporters a wonderful Thanksgiving! This is a great day to give thanks for Nature's bounty and Her ability to provide, despite our tendency to take more than our share. We are grateful for all those thousands of people worldwide who are actively in service and committed to preserving our amazing blue-green planet! May your day be full of gratitude, family and friends, and good food. Cascades Raptor Center gives thanks for all of YOU, our community of supporters and fans.

#GivingTuesday

Tuesday, December 1st is *#GivingTuesday!*

We have an annual day for giving thanks. We have Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday for starting off the holiday buying frenzy! Now, we have *#GivingTuesday*, a global day dedicated to giving back.

On Tuesday, December 1, 2015, charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give to the organizations that are doing work important to them.

It's a simple idea.. Join us and be a part of a global celebration of a new tradition of generosity. Then tell everyone you know how you are giving and encourage them to be part of it.

Visit our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/eraptors> and share our GivingTuesday post! Share this email, or send one of your own! GivingTuesday is designed to involve everyone, at whatever level works for them.

Encourage your friends and family to give to the birds by clicking on our facebook Donate Now button. Set a new tradition to start off the season of giving. There is power in numbers and our natural world needs all the support it can get. THANK YOU!

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The Birds of Winter

Patients coming into our wildlife hospital at this time of the year - the 'Trauma Season' as we call it - are often in fairly poor shape. They may be emaciated juveniles, injured birds of any age, or both injured AND emaciated.

Currently in care are an adult female Red-shouldered Hawk with a broken wing, found in the middle of Clear Lake Road, with a lot of going-home traffic luckily choosing to drive around her, according to the finder who stopped to rescue her. Her wing has been pinned.

Also a Northern Pygmy Owl with a fracture of one of the condyles at the very tip of the humerus where it joins the elbow - not possible to pin it and a lot of risk that the healing process will freeze the joint. Only time will tell.



We have a Coopers Hawk found in Oakridge with spinal trauma - a lot of bruising along the lower spine - who is not only standing now, but flying! Probably hit by a car, she'll be going home soon. An immature Red-tailed Hawk found sitting next to McKenzie Highway escaped any broken bones but has some eye damage that we are hoping will resolve. A Barred Owl who got tangled in a (disconnected) electric fence, straining her wing, is about to go home tonight. Another juvenile Red-Tailed Hawk who came in starving and with a fractured ulna - she is now fat and sassy and the bone is healing well. She will get some live prey practice before being released.

And one recent case that was a bit different: an adult Great Horned Owl which somehow managed to dive into a sewage lagoon! We've had to get them OUT of such lagoons before, but this one managed to get herself out but then was so wet and filthy she could not fly. She had been doing very well for herself before she took a swim, however - and we anticipate a quick turnaround, as soon as she either bathes herself clean or forces us to wash her.

Last, but not least, a very interesting case that will be with us for awhile: an immature Turkey Vulture found with a healed fracture of the humerus. Problem is that the lower part of the wing rotated 360° before healing! In essence, most of the wing is on upside down - but amazingly the elbow still works. We are waiting for our board-certified surgeon to find the time in his busy schedule to re-break and pin the wing. Again - keep your fingers crossed for this one.

Our sincere thanks to all the caring people in our community who take their time to intervene and help the birds they find in distress.

Adoption as a Holiday Gift

Want ideas for a gift for that special person who has everything or simply doesn't want any more 'stuff'?

How about a bird adoption! Adoptions of the Raptor Center birds make a wonderful gift and support our education birds and the work they do bringing nature education to thousands of people each year. The gift includes a household membership, with free admission for the household for a year, a member decal, an adoption certificate with photo of their bird, their bird's personal story and the natural history of the species - and an opportunity to schedule a one-on-one meeting with a special bird. We can send it to you to give or directly to the recipient.



Please order before December 18th so we can be sure to get them out in time for Solstice, Christmas, or Kwanzaa; earlier, of course, for Hanukkah. May your holidays be full of joy!

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