



# WILDLIFE LIFELINE

Eugene, Oregon 2024



After the Ice Storm

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*Connecting with the Community*

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Impact Report 2024

Hans, Resident Eurasian Eagle Owl, with  
Sidney Campbell, Training and Education Manager

## OUR MISSION

Through wildlife rehabilitation and public education, Cascades Raptor Center fosters a connection between people and birds of prey. Our goal is to help the human part of the natural community learn to value, understand, and honor the role of wildlife in preserving the natural and cultural heritage of the Pacific Northwest.

## 2024 STAFF

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When I reflect on this busy year at Cascades Raptor Center, the theme that stands out to me is **community**. Here, community means more than just those in our vicinity; it's a network of passionate individuals who support one another. Throughout our 36 years, we've called on our community in times of need, and they consistently come through for us in countless ways.

Our very first community was our volunteer team, who not only helped relocate the birds and equipment to this site but also played a crucial role in building the foundation that is the Center you see today. Over the years, many have joined us, and we're grateful for their passion and continued commitment to our work.

In addition to our volunteers, we benefit from our talented community members who help us with everything from renesting raptors to providing crucial resources. When extreme weather hit this last winter, our community rallied to help us recover, demonstrating just how far our support network extends -- from Lane County and beyond. Local businesses support us with sponsorships, donations of materials, and labor. Wild patients whose needs cannot be met in our clinic are generously accepted by other wildlife hospitals equipped to treat them. These experiences reinforce the truth that we cannot do this work alone.

As we look toward 2025, I encourage you to introduce Cascades Raptor Center to someone new — whether it's a nature-loving friend, an artist seeking connection, or a new member of our community. Relationships are the lifeblood of what we do, and your efforts to help build our community are invaluable. Thank you for being a part of ours; we couldn't do it without you.

With sincere appreciation,

*Julie Collins*

Julie D. Collins  
 Executive Director

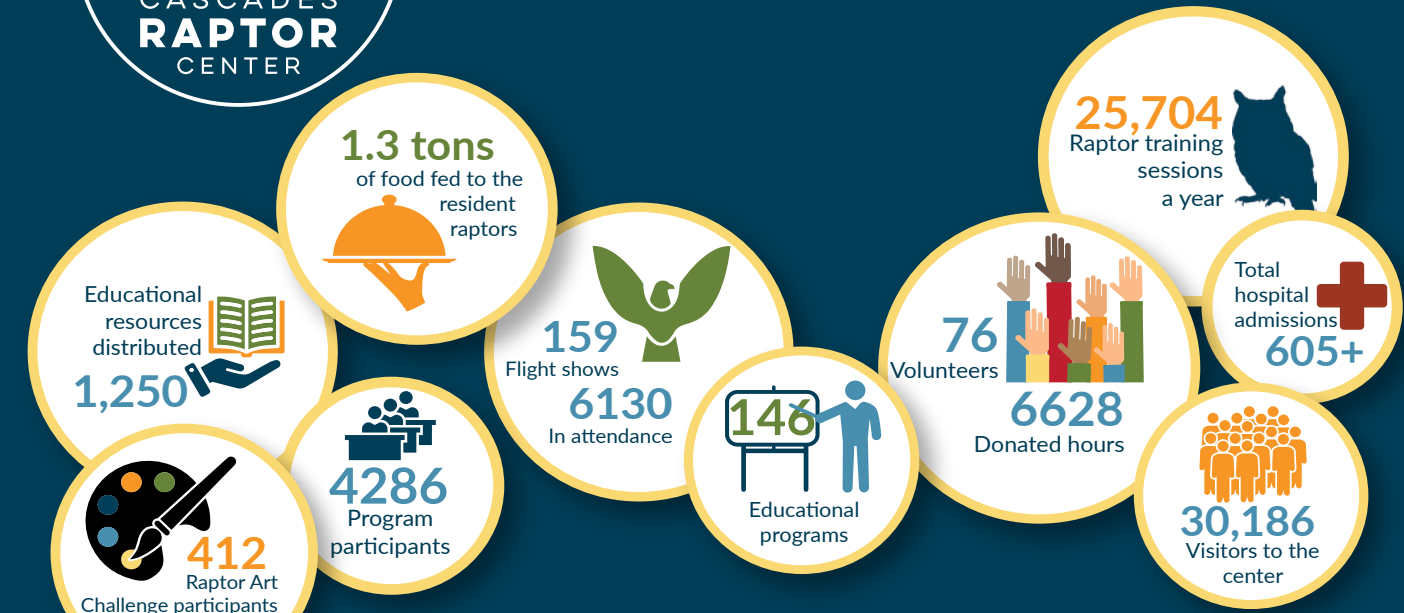
Our 2024 Staff... (Not pictured: Jesse, Melissa, Jennifer, Brian, and Alex)



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 8 am - 8 pm  
 7 days a week



## IMPACT 2024-2025



Number of hospital intakes: 605

Number of unique species: 80

Rarest species:

Golden Eagle

Most common species:

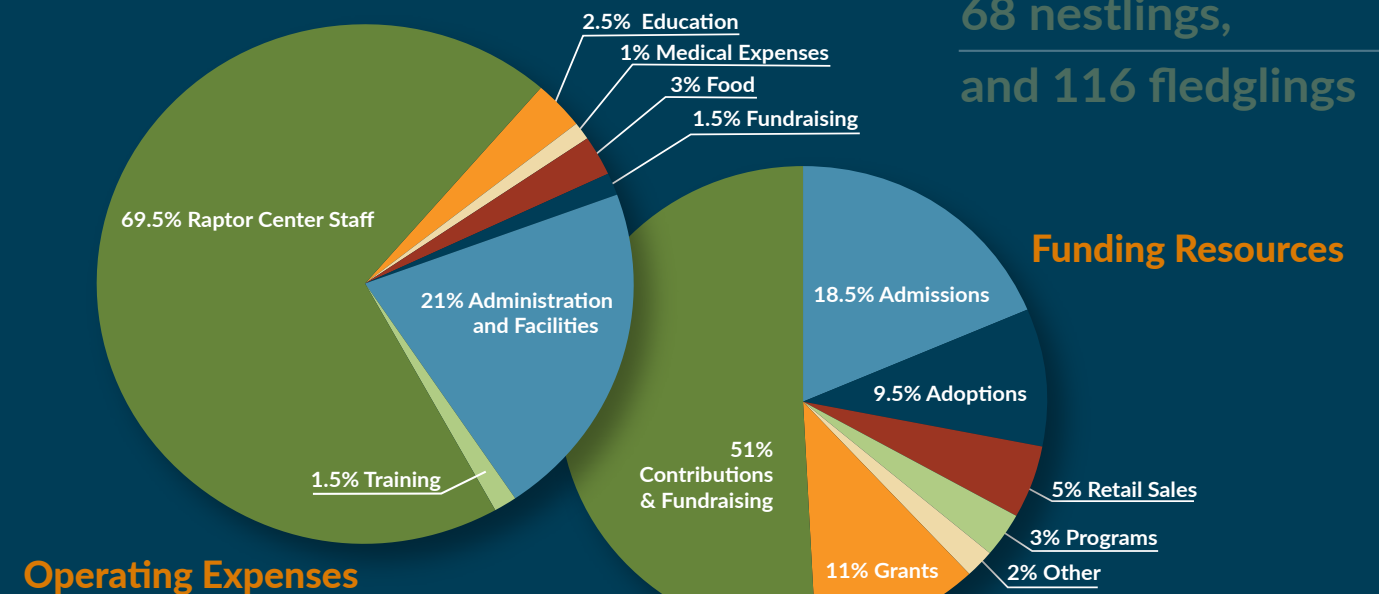
American Crow

Busiest month:

July, 116 patients

Number of babies:

9 hatchlings,  
 68 nestlings,  
 and 116 fledglings





# ICE STORM 2024



## THE WINTER THAT WOULDN'T QUIT

Cascades Raptor Center had big plans for 2024: host an international bird training conference, renovate the Resident Care Building kitchen and restroom, become a USDA Class C-licensed bird exhibitor, finish our program arena, and start a new summer flight show. Accomplishing any one of these projects in one year would be something to celebrate. Accomplishing all four was going to take an extraordinary amount of effort, but we were ready for it!

Nature, however, tossed us a curveball before we even started. In the second week of January 2024, an ice storm warning was issued for our area. Initial forecasts predicted a moderate amount of freezing over a short period, nothing we felt we couldn't handle. We set about our usual preparations of testing generators, checking emergency supplies, and planning staff transport to the center.

On January 13, the freezing rain fell and the first ice layers began accumulating. We waited for things to clear up that night as predicted. However, the ice kept coming. By the next day, power was out and limbs were falling. We adjusted our plans and continued to wait. Navigating the site was difficult, but all humans and birds were safe. Residents and hospital patients continued to receive the care they needed. It would have to end soon, right?

No.

On January 15, our main electrical pole came down, leaving power lines strewn across our driveway and a major trail. Then as staff were making their morning rounds, an iced-over tree fell and crushed an aviary—with its Bald Eagle tenant, Atticus, still inside. Luckily, Atticus was unharmed

and we were able to quickly move him to safe housing. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief. Little did we know the worst was still to come.

Early on the morning of January 17, training staff arrived to find a devastating sight: another tree had come down and cut the adjacent aviary completely in two. The Great Horned Owl inside, Lorax, was nowhere to be seen. Our immediate thought was that she was trapped under the rubble injured, or worse, dead.

As staff started digging through the debris and calling her name, they heard a familiar “Eeep!” from up the hill. Lorax was calling to us from a tree! Once located, she came down to us immediately when called. She then spent the rest of the day safe indoors in her travel crate, chatting happily to the relieved staff.

That week, things began to thaw. We knew cleanup would be very expensive, so we encouraged people to donate towards our storm recovery. As press coverage of our situation spread, community support began pouring in from all directions at a level we never expected. We received donations from as far away as the United Kingdom, many from first-time donors. Lorax’s picture even ended up on the front page of the newspaper.

With the cost of repairs covered, we could focus on the slow process of returning our facility to functionality. In addition to massive amounts of storm debris, our site still had freezing temperatures, no power, no hot water, and the main kitchen under construction. Community work parties picked up broken brush all over the site. Many local arborists volunteered removing dangerous dangling tree limbs. Staff and volunteers ultimately hand-collected eight 30 cubic yard dumpsters of debris—enough to fill two average backyard swimming pools!

On February 8, just three weeks after the storm, we were able to safely reopen to the public. Every emergency event like this is a learning opportunity for us. We come out of



*The dedicated group of volunteers who helped with the reconstruction*

it more skilled in our preparation, more confident in our response, and now, more secure in our recovery, knowing the community near and far has our back.



*A very relieved Carrie Lorenz, Trainer and Educator, with Lorax*



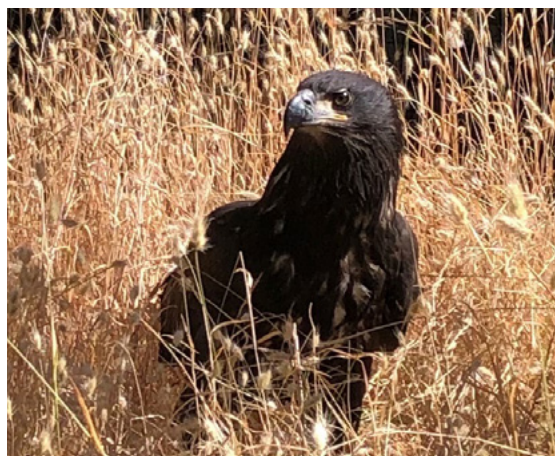
# HOSPITAL SPOTLIGHT

## BALD EAGLE NEST COLLAPSE

*Dedicated hospital staff use their training to successfully rehabilitate two eaglets from a terrible fall.*



**O**n a windy day in May, a Bald Eagle nest with two young eaglets collapsed. The two eaglets fell out of their pine tree to the ground, where the property owners found them stuck inside blackberry bushes, barely able to move. When our hospital team came to the rescue, they identified that each eaglet had a substantial fracture in their leg. One sibling had a fracture in their right leg and the other in their left leg. While we typically do not name our patients, knowing these two would be patients for some time, we nicknamed these siblings Righty and Lefty (as they coincidentally had a fracture in the opposite leg). The pair required intensive care in the beginning, as eaglets are heavy at this age and unable to stand. We had to constantly change splints and closely monitor whether the fractures were healing at the correct angle, as the babies were constantly moving and growing fast. Once the fractures felt stable, the eaglets were put out in a big flight aviary where they learned how to walk and fly. Righty and Lefty healed and grew beautifully. They stayed with us throughout the summer, a total of 124 days, before they were able to be released in the fall. These two eagles had big personalities, and the hard work done by hospital staff and volunteers made it extra rewarding to see them soar away together on a beautiful September afternoon.



## HOT DAYS AND COOPER'S HAWKS

*Huge thanks go out to our volunteer tree climbers.*



**I**n the sweltering month of July, during our busy summer season, Cascades Raptor Center admitted a total of twelve young Cooper's Hawks. Cooper's Hawks nest high up in trees, and when the weather grows unbearably hot, many nestlings jump from their nest due to overheating. The babies were admitted to the hospital, assessed, rehydrated, and treated for injuries. With the help of an amazing team of tree climbers, the hospital team was able to successfully re-nest the majority of the young Cooper's Hawks and reunite them with their families! It takes a lot of care and patience to find the nest and re-nest young birds without startling any other siblings in the nest. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful team of volunteer tree climbers up to the task!



*Katie McInnis and Riley Gibbons*

## Our Hospital Team Keeps Growing!

This fall, Cascades Raptor Center welcomed three new members to our hospital team: Katie McInnis, Staff Veterinarian; Jesse Pline, Senior Rehabilitation Technician; and Riley Gibbons, Rehabilitation Technician. Katie, Jesse, and Riley all share something in common, besides their love of birds—all three new additions to the team had previously volunteered with Cascades!

Jesse spent a summer volunteering with the Cascades team before lending his talents to WildCare Oklahoma as their Raptor Team Lead, coordinating the treatment and care of over 600 raptors per year.

Katie volunteered with Cascades for four years after receiving her DVM from Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Katie also sits on the Board of Directors for Lane Audubon, and we're excited to welcome her back as our Staff Veterinarian.

Riley spent a year as a Cascades volunteer before becoming an intern at the Louise Shimmel Wildlife Hospital. She joined our staff team in July, just a few months before we welcomed Katie and Jesse.

We are thrilled to have these three volunteers return as staff, each bringing with them their unique skill set, experience, and passion. Welcome back to Cascades Raptor Center family!



*Jesse Pline and Katie McInnis*



# SUPPORT OUR MISSION

## MANY WAYS TO DONATE

**By Mail:** Use the enclosed envelope to mail your donation to: PO Box 5386 Eugene, OR 97405

**Online:** [cascadesraptorcenter.org/donate](https://cascadesraptorcenter.org/donate)

**Call:** 541-485-1320 (ext. 0)

**Venmo:** @CascadesRaptorCenter

**Stock Donation:** Donating stock can provide exceptional tax benefits; please consult your tax advisor

**IRA Contributions:** If you are 72 or older - you can donate up to \$100K from your required IRA distributions through a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), and it will be excluded from your taxable income

**Planned Giving:** Join the Louise Shimmel Society. By adding Cascades Raptor Center to your planned giving you can have a lasting impact long after your lifetime

**Fred Meyer:** Register your Fred Meyer Rewards Card and choose "Cascades Raptor Center" as your community partner

**BottleDrop:** You can donate directly from your BottleDrop account to support Cascades Raptor Center



## THE POWER OF YOUR GENEROSITY

**Y**ou are the reason Cascades Raptor Center continues to be the resource and destination it strives to be! Donate today and your gift will have an immediate impact on the rescued raptors in our wildlife hospital, and will offer communities the opportunity to connect through conservation and raptor education.



## When you donate your support helps us to:

- Provide the highest quality medical treatment to all the birds in our care.
- Expand our educational programming to ensure access for all who want to learn about the natural world and how raptors play a vital role.
- Ensure people from all economic backgrounds can visit the Nature Center and have up close and personal encounters with the Avian Ambassadors.

## Cascades Raptor Center Wish List

Want your year-end donation to fund a specific project? Here are a few projects we're currently fundraising for.

- \$40,000** New or lightly used truck for rescue missions and hauling lumber
- \$25,000** On-site accessibility railings
- \$20,000** Multilingual educational interpretive signage
- \$15,000** Repairs for the hospital's largest rehabilitation aviary
- \$10,000** Improvements to weatherize our education pavilion
- \$5,000** Outerwear and boots for our outdoor team members
- \$3,000** Outdoor digital display and cameras for the wildlife hospital
- \$1,500** Training and ambassador equipment (gloves, scales, enrichment items, etc.)

## SOAR INTO CASCADES RAPTOR CENTER EVENTS

In 2024, Cascades welcomed over 1,000 attendees to our events, and offered two new events to the community! Joining our always-popular Night at the Raptor Center event series and our Sunday Tour series, we were pleased to offer Flights of Fancy—a upscale evening at Emerald Arts Center where attendees admired some amazing local artwork, including the results of our 2024 Raptor Art Challenge! (see page 14). The event (which included a silent auction, wine wall, and art sales) raised over \$25,000 for the Center, a wonderful success for a new event. Keep your eyes on the horizon to see if this event might be making a comeback in the coming years!



We were also pleased to collaborate with the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (IWRC) and Wildlife Rescue India to offer a one-night only showing of the Oscar-nominated documentary *All That Breathes*. We welcomed over 200 community members to learn about the nitty-gritty realities of running a wildlife rescue in Delhi. We were even joined by one of the film's subjects, Nadeem Shehzad, for an after-movie Q&A!

## NEW TRAINERS AT CASCADES

Our training team keeps growing! In January we welcomed Taylor Hardman and Alex Murphy to the Cascades family!

Taylor developed a career through a variety of accredited zoological facilities all over the country, and brings to the team his passion and expertise in avian training, environmental education, and engagement. Taylor moved to Oregon to work with Cascades Raptor Center, so let's give him a warm welcome to the Pacific Northwest!

Alex found his love of avian training when he began training parrots with a mentor in 2018. He initially joined the Cascades team in 2022 as an intern, before being hired on as staff in January. We're excited to welcome him as staff!



## Welcome Maddy Broedel Development Director

Last December, Cascades staff welcomed a new member to the team! Maddy joined Cascades Raptor Center as the Development Director during the peak of year-end giving and only weeks before the ice storm. What a time to start! She quickly became acquainted with our community and the amazing passion our donors and volunteers have for wildlife. "Working with our staff, volunteers, and donors during the ice storm really proved how resilient and passionate this community is," Maddy later said. "We're so fortunate to have a network of people so eager to lend a hand and protect wildlife. It's so incredibly special."

Local event attendees may have already met Maddy during any of our fundraising events over the past year. Haven't connected with her yet? She'd love to grab a cup of coffee! Reach out to her directly at [maddy@cascadesraptorcenter.org](mailto:maddy@cascadesraptorcenter.org) to learn more about Cascades and our plans for 2025.



# SILVER BRIGADE



# SAWDUST IS JUST THEIR GLITTER

Every facility, no matter how large or small, has a constant to-do list of maintenance needs and Cascades Raptor Center is no exception. We have a facilities manager on staff, but with eight acres and over 40 structures on site, taking care of our property is much more than a one-person job. This is when the Silver Brigade steps in.

The Silver Brigade is the self-assigned nickname for our facilities volunteer team, currently made up of six handy retired gentlemen aged 50-80. Since 2013, they have been spending five to ten hours a week helping us build, repair, or replace whatever is needed on site. This might be anything from a door hinge to a full-length fence. If you have ever visited our center, you've seen their handiwork all around.

The biggest project this team tackles? Our raptor enclosures! Many visitors don't realize these aviaries are our own custom design and are built entirely by our facilities volunteers. Through many years of experience, the Silver Brigade and our staff have developed an adaptable aviary model specifically designed around the birds' needs and the challenges of building on our steep terrain. When the IAATE conference came to our center in February (see page 16), several attendees said they wished they could take the Silver Brigade back to their own facilities.

We recently sat down with our facilities volunteers and asked them about their experience. Keep reading to learn more about a few of the volunteers who work behind the scenes to keep Cascades Raptor Center running!



Tim and Ron

## Why do you volunteer with the Silver Brigade?

**Aron:** "I started right after the last ice storm. You could see the damage from the road. I thought my skill set as a builder could be helpful...I enjoy using my skill set for the benefit of the birds."

**Mitch:** "I volunteer because the work we do feels meaningful, is unique, and I appreciate the commitment and passion of everyone at Cascades. I feel that our work as the Silver Brigade is really appreciated and supports the staff and other volunteers in delivering the best care and environment possible for these amazing creatures."

**Tim:** "I think the work we do is important for Cascades Raptor Center. I like the people I work with and feel appreciated for the work I do. I also like the outdoor work and the sense of accomplishment about getting things done...I think it is important for people to volunteer and contribute to the community in which they live; this is an important contribution I can make to my community."

**Jim and Jay:** "I enjoy the people we work with, and how well everyone works together. And the pastries Ron brings in!"

**Ron:** "[I volunteer] because I feel like my work is valued by the staff, and every time I come here, I leave feeling that Cascades Raptor Center is a little better than when I arrived. I really enjoy building things, and the interactions with the staff and other volunteers is fantastic. This is the first place that I have worked with that I feel that everyone chooses to be here rather than working just for a paycheck. Everyone seems to enjoy what they do and values the environment."



## Sheep Update

Last spring, we welcomed three young Gotland/Icelandic sheep to our site. We had never kept livestock on our property before, but with eight acres to manage and fire risk a growing concern, we needed a way to keep both invasive plant species and wildfire fuels in check.

Elm, Buttercup, and Icicle immediately became beloved members of our team. They quickly learned how to be led to pasture each morning and come home to their paddock at night. The rest of the day they spend feeding with gusto on weeds and shrubs. We like to say they are professional eaters!

Nearly two years onward, we are starting to see the real impacts of their work. Areas they grazed last season were littered this spring with native wildflowers. When they are rotated to a new area, songbirds immediately take over the old pasture to forage for newly exposed seeds and invertebrates.

Although not always visible from our public trails, the boys are out every day hard at work helping us take care of the land. If you're lucky, you might catch a glimpse of them through the trees on your visit.

# American Kestrel

*Falco sparverius* **Smallest and most widespread falcon in North America**



Wingspan 20-24"

**Diurnal**  
Day hunter

## Kiting

Hover technique maintaining steady position mid-air to help precisely target prey

## Sharp Vision

Unlike humans, kestrels can see in the ultraviolet light range allowing them to track prey by detecting reflective urine trails



Weight  
2.8 - 5.8 oz  
≈ 34 pennies

## Habitat

Open fields, meadows, grasslands, and deserts



## Nasal Tubercles

Similar to jet engines, these help falcons optimize air flow during high speed diving

## Malar Stripe

Vertical lines absorb solar glare, helping to hunt in bright conditions

## Sexually Dichromatic

(uncommon in raptors)  
Vivid & contrasting plumage

♂ Males

Wings blue-gray  
Tail rufous (rusty red)

♀ Females

Wings rufous  
Tail rufous & dark barring



Kestrels often bob their tail and head while perched

## Diet

Primarily insects



Kestrels also hunt lizards, snakes, small birds, and small mammals

## Nesting

Secondary cavity nesters, utilize holes made by other animals

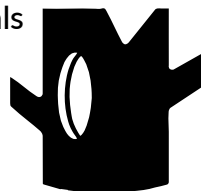


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# CASCADES RAPTOR CENTER HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Members save an extra 10% off on all gift shop purchases!

*This holiday season, give a gift that gives back! Visit the Cascades Raptor Center in person, or go online to [cascadesraptorcenter.org/shop](http://cascadesraptorcenter.org/shop) to gift an experience, symbolic adoption or membership, or any of our featured gifts*



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## HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP: \$100\*

- Free admission for 1 year for a household
- 4 bonus gift passes
- Cascades Raptor Center Member decal
- 10% gift shop discount
- Subscription to our annual magazine and newsletter

## GOLD RAPTOR ADOPTION: \$200\*

*(Our most popular holiday gift)*

- A Household membership (with full benefits)
- Recipient's name displayed on adopted bird's aviary and website
- Personal history of adopted bird
- Cascades Raptor Center Member decal

## DONATION: \$10 AND UP

Make a holiday gift in someone else's name and we'll send them a sticker and a personalized note about the gift.

\*Other membership and adoption levels available

*Looking for a gift of a lifetime?  
Gift an experience they'll never forget!*

### Personal Tours - \$250

*(\$200 member price)*

- Learn directly from staff about each of our resident raptors and their unique personalities and backgrounds
- Meet a resident bird outside their enclosure with a trainer
- Get a closer look at the Raptor Center's work and the team that makes it possible
- For groups up to four

### Ultimate Raptor Experience - \$450

*(\$400 member price)*

- Enjoy an in-depth look at our daily animal care and training processes
- Meet at least 2 resident birds outside their enclosure with a trainer
- Finish with an exclusive raptor encounter!
- For groups up to four



# RAPTOR ART EXHIBITIONS

## Cascades Raptor Center Community Art Exhibition

*Raptors of the Pacific Northwest*



Artist: Kristy Ren



Artist: Wenimareba Klobah



Artist: Toni Goldenberg

Showcasing 60 works of art, Raptors of the Pacific Northwest featured Oregon artists and their portraits of birds of prey found in our local landscape. Highlighting owls, eagles, falcons, osprey, hawks, and vultures, each artwork provided a unique perspective capturing the artist's relationship to a raptor species. The pieces spanned mediums

from woodwork to cross stitch, gourd sculpture, felting, painting, textile, jewelry, and more.

The juried exhibition was on view from April through June 2024 and the gallery served as a celebration space for our new fundraiser, Flights of Fancy. Many artists shared a portion of the proceeds from their art sales through donations to raptor care and environmental education. We are very grateful for the generous support from participating artists and support from the creative community.

Cascades Raptor Center was honored to display the thoughtful raptor-inspired work and to listen to the reflective dialogue the collection evoked. The Raptor Art Challenge and art exhibition brought together a community of incredible artists in support of raptors and helped viewers foster deeper connections with these important species.

Through a new community outreach initiative, Cascades Raptor Center hosted its first Raptor Art Challenge and community art exhibition, highlighting Oregon artists and native raptor species. Putting out a call to artists just before the winter season settled in, the Center received over 85 art submissions from adult artists across the state. The Raptor Center staff was astounded by the talent and skill of the artists who submitted work, making it nearly an impossible selection process.

The community art exhibition was curated by Cascades Raptor Center's Engagement Designer, Melissa Green, who installed the artwork at Springfield's City Hall Gallery with support from the Springfield Arts Commission and a second exhibition at the Emerald Art Center.



## Creative Wildlife Connections

### Youth Raptor Art Challenge

Building connections with local wildlife and invoking a sense of outdoor wonder, Cascades Raptor Center's first Youth Raptor Art Challenge provided an opportunity for students in grades 2-12 to create portraits of raptors found in the Oregon landscape.

Over 300 youth submitted artwork to the 2024 Art Challenge which highlighted Osprey and Turkey Vulture species. Many of the submissions came from participating classrooms who received free in-school visits from Cascades Raptor Center staff. The creative raptor portraits went on public display in the spring at the Cascades Raptor Center and at the Emerald Art Center for visitors to enjoy.

### Sign up to participate in the 2025 Youth Raptor Art Challenge!

Submission guidelines can be found on our website. Take a peek at page 12 to find out more about this coming year's highlighted species.



### Classroom teachers and community group leaders:

We want to connect with you! Learn more about free raptor resources for your classroom or community program. Visit our webpage or reach out to Melissa at [melissa@cascadesraptorcenter.org](mailto:melissa@cascadesraptorcenter.org) for more information.





# IAATE CONFERENCE 2024



Of the many organizations Cascades Raptor Center has collaborated with, few have shaped our development more than the International Association of Avian Trainers and Educators (IAATE). Founded in 1992, IAATE is a professional organization devoted to fostering communication and cooperation among bird trainers working in environmental education. We have been members almost since its inception and its board now includes two of our training staff (Kit Lacy, board president, and Sidney Campbell, general board member). Without the mentorship and support we have received through IAATE, we would not be the facility you see today.

Since IAATE has had such a meaningful impact on us, we decided it was time to give back. Through the dedicated efforts of Sidney, and over a year of planning, Cascades Raptor Center was nominated and selected as the host facility for the IAATE's 2024 annual conference. We were hopeful that we could pull off an exciting, educating, and inspiring event for all attendees—and did we ever!

In February 2024, only one month after being hit by a devastating ice storm (see page 4), Cascades Raptor Center hosted more than 150 conference attendees from six different countries. Over the course of the three-day event, attendees participated in training workshops,

paper presentations, roundtables, a birding trip to Finley Wildlife Refuge, and plenty of time to network with fellow avian trainers and educators from across the globe.

One of the highlights of this conference is always Zoo Day, when the host facility sets aside a whole day to welcome attendees to their site and demonstrate how they work with birds. On a foggy Oregon morning, over a hundred bird trainers clambered aboard a fleet of rented school buses and traveled up to our nature center. They witnessed our fledgling flight show, met our landscaping sheep, and toured around the site—especially the gift shop! The conference-goers knew of our recent natural disaster and decided to assist our recovery efforts by spending their dollars generously in our store.

When polled later, attendees agreed this was one of the best IAATE conferences they had ever attended. The bird training community is legendary for its camaraderie and generosity, which was abundantly demonstrated through the friendships formed, conversations had, and well-wishes exchanged at the conference. We are incredibly proud to have been able to represent Eugene and Cascades Raptor Center at the event and will continue to carry on IAATE's tradition of helping each other learn, grow, and be inspired by our work.



**Top Banner:** 2024 IAATE conference attendees  
**Opposite page:** Cascades founder Louise Shimmel and Carrie Lorenz  
**Upper left:** Happy conference goers on their way after making a stop by our gift shop.  
**Upper right:** Trainer and attendee Kaitlyn Bohner from North Sky Raptor Sanctuary in Michigan enjoys a one-to-one with Hans, our resident Eurasian Eagle-Owl.  
**Left:** IAATE poster artwork by Levi Whittier. His amazing illustration was used for the IAATE conference t-shirts and other swag.

# OUR SINCERE THANKS

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers have always played a crucial role in our success at Cascades Raptor Center, and this year was no different! Thank you all for giving some of your precious time to our organization. Throughout 2024, we received assistance in so many ways: weekly shifts in the visitor center, rehabilitation and resident care, bird rescues, baby bird re-nesting and monitoring, facility support, property cleanup, construction, medical assistance, board service, and so much more. Additionally, we'd like to give special thanks to the number of volunteers and community members who showed up after the winter storm to volunteer their time picking up debris, rebuilding structures, and clearing branches. Thank you for lending your time and talents to the birds!

## DONORS

To our amazing community of donors, thank you for your generous support. With your help, we continue to be a resource to both our community and our wildlife. We are so grateful to hear your enthusiasm and passion, and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you better this past year. And when there came a point where the weather got rocky, and we had to turn to you for help, you showed up *en masse* ready to assist. Thank you for your belief in our mission—it is because of you that we can continue to soar.

## MEDICAL PARTNERS

We truly could not provide the level of care that is at the heart of our wildlife rehabilitation work and special care to our residents without the skilled and dedicated veterinarians and other medical professionals who so generously contribute their time and services.

- Dr. Matt Fricke, *McKenzie Animal Hospital*
- Dr. Cameron Jones, *Amazon Park Animal Clinic*
- Dr. Vickie Joseph, *Clinical Avian Pathology*
- Dr. Sarah Maxwell, *Oregon Veterinary Referral Assoc.*
- Dr. Devin Newman, *Bush Animal Hospital*
- Dr. Madeline Rae, *Amazon Veterinary Diagnostics*

## ARBORISTS

In 2024, these individuals and companies helped us to maintain our forested property, recover after the ice storm, and assist us with the re-nesting of young raptors.

- Nate Lundgren, *Green Tree Arborists*
- Becca Snowdale, *Green Tree Arborists*
- Jahred King, *Certified Arborist*
- Kyle King, *Certified Arborist*

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2024 BUSINESS SPONSORS

These businesses play an integral role in our success!



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Join our newsletter list to learn about upcoming events, seasonal flight shows, success stories from the hospital, and so much more! Scan the QR code, or go to: [cascadesraptorcenter.org/enewsletter](https://cascadesraptorcenter.org/enewsletter) to sign up!

## BUSINESS SUPPORTERS

Thank you to our generous community members and businesses that donated goods and services to support us in 2024.

Alesong Brewing and Blending, Bare Bones Dog Wash, Bradley Vineyards, Capitello Wines, Clorox, Climatize LLC, Coast Fork Brewing, Columbia Sportswear, Cornucopia Restaurant, Delta Sand & Gravel, Doak Creek Native Plant Nursery, Dudley's Bookshop Cafe, Eugene Men's Social Club, Emerald Art Center, Emerald Broadband, Emge & Whyte, Emily Poole Illustration, Eugene Garden Club, First Interstate Bank, Fred Meyer, The Giving Block, Hot Mama's Wings, Intel Corporation, Iris Vineyards, Janelle McCoy & Bad Ass Hooves, Jincy's Cheese, Kohi Time, Komodo Health Inc, Lane Electric, Lane Forest Products, Marche Restaurant Group, Microsoft, Moon Maiden & Starchild Tattoo, Nike, Ninkasi Brewing, Old Nick's Pub, Only Yolking, Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative, Oregon Wine LAB, Pentagon Federal Credit Union, Progressive Insurance, Rest Assured Pet Cremation, Rainbow Valley Design and Construction, Roseburg Forest Products, Schnitzer Properties, Sweet Cheeks Winery, Suess and Associates, Territorial Vineyards, Type One Capital LLC, Umpqua Wildlife Rescue, Uncommon Scents, United Way of Lane County, Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District, The Village School, VIP Products/Tuffy Toys, The Walt Disney Company, Wild Birds Unlimited, Wildish Sand & Gravel, Wildish Theater, Willamette Valley Vineyards

We're constantly testing new events and community activities, and are grateful for each and every one of our participants and attendees this past year. Thank you for supporting our events!

### Want to join in on the fun?

Follow us on social media and join our email list to receive announcements about the exciting events we have planned for 2025!



## THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOUNDATIONS:

- Animal Help Now
- Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation
- Eugene Active 20-30 Club
- Foundation For a Better Tomorrow
- Kinsman Foundation
- Oregon Birding Association
- Three Rivers Foundation
- Vincent J Coates Foundation
- Wildlife Support Charitable Trust

And many others! To view a complete list of foundations and family foundations who supported Cascades Raptor Center in 2024, please visit: [cascadesraptorcenter.org/foundationssupport](https://cascadesraptorcenter.org/foundationssupport)



## Join Our Volunteer Team!

Cascades Raptor Center is always looking for new volunteers to join the Cascades family. Volunteers are vital to the continued success of the Center, and volunteering is an easy, fun way to give back and get involved with the community!

Volunteers assist with all aspects of the Center, including cleaning aviaries, assisting in the hospital, helping with landscaping and facilities maintenance, running the gift shop, and more.

Visit: [cascadesraptorcenter.org/volunteering](https://cascadesraptorcenter.org/volunteering) to learn more!



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