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June 2021 Interim Report

Project Title: **Wildlife Rehabilitation**

Wildlife Rescue Inc. of New Mexico (WRINM)

During the first six months of 2021, over 1,195 birds, mammals and reptiles were brought to the WRINM clinic by concerned individuals in need of help and guidance. This total is several hundred over that of the comparable period of 2020. One illustration of the public's continuing interest and ingenuity in helping wildlife was the delivery to WRINM of a House Finch by Uber in early June, 2021.

Agencies and organizations which have used the services of WRINM for the care of displaced wildlife included, but were not limited to: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, New Mexico Parks and Recreation, Albuquerque Animal Services, Los Ranchos Animal Services, Edgewood Animal Control, Bernalillo County Animal Care Services, the Rio Grande Zoo, Rio Rancho Animal Control and Hawks Aloft.

We also continued to cooperate extensively with local vets. One of our longer-term tenants in the past six months was the North American Porcupine we housed for more than a month before she was successfully released. She had a broken leg, probably due to being hit by a car, and was brought to a local vet. The X-rays showed she was pregnant, so once she delivered an, unfortunately, stillborn porcupette and had surgery on her leg, WRINM housed her for more than a month.

Our three new outdoor flights are now in use on the grounds of our clinic. Although they were designed to house waterfowl during their rehabilitation, we have discovered they also do well for songbirds who need some time to stretch their muscles and reshape bones before they are released, like the Western Tanager we cared for from mid-May to mid-June. As of the last week of June, 2021, there were 11 Mallards growing and developing in those new flights and 19 sheltered inside, including nine we hatched from eggs brought to us by a rescuer. We will continue to use the finishing school prior to release that we established with such success in previous years. Allowing the young ducks to wander free and protected, to learn to forage on their own until they gain flight, and allowing them to choose when they are ready to leave and join their wild cousins is the ideal way to get these young birds prepared for life in the wild.

So far we have seen fewer young displaced Great Horned Owls this year, though we have successfully reunited three at Atrisco Heritage Academy High School, with the help of a dedicated teacher and the Bernalillo County Fire Department. We are also very pleased with the results of collaboration between biologists, construction contractors and WRINM to resolve possible environmental impacts on nesting birds due to the construction of a large solar array near Corona in Torrance County. Biologists managing those environmental impacts were worried about the possible disruption of several Raven and Horned Lark nests. After considerable discussion and accommodations, only three nestling larks had to be brought to WRINM for rehabilitation. These birds were brought in by the contractor and are now ready for release.

COVID-19 restrictions continued to impact WRINM's educational programs in the first half of 2021, though some canceled programs are being rescheduled for the summer of 2021. We have also been working with CNM students to create videos that can be shared with interested parties. We will have the first ones posted online as soon as the legal arrangements are complete.



Wildlife Rescue Inc New Mexico - species count 1/1/21 - 6/27/21

Aves - protected	Count
Accipitriformes	14
Cooper's Hawk	12
Northern Harrier	1
Turkey Vulture	1
Anseriformes	90
Canada Goose	2
Gadwall	1
Mallard	63
Ruddy Duck	1
Wood Duck	23
Apodiformes	57
Black-chinned Hummingbird	56
Hummingbird sp	1
Caprimulgiformes	2
Common Poorwill	2
Charadriiformes	3
Long-billed Curlew	1
Columbiformes	166
American Mourning Dove	7
Eurasian Collared-dove	46
Mourning Dove	29
White-winged Dove	84
Cuculiformes	16
Greater Roadrunner	16
Falconiformes	2
American Kestrel	2
Galliformes	56
Gambel's Quail	39
Quail sp	1
Ring-necked Pheasant	1
Scaled Quail	14
Wild Turkey	1
Gruiformes	3
American Coot	1
Sora	2
Passeriformes	302
American Bushitit	2
American Crow	13
American Robin	45
Ash-throated Flycatcher	1
Audubon's Warbler	1
Barn Swallow	2
Bronzed Cowbird	1
Bullock's Oriole	2
Cliff Swallow	5
Common Grackle	3
Common Raven	4
Curve-billed Thrasher	11
Dark-eyed Junco	4
Green-tailed Towhee	2
Horned Lark	3
House Finch	150
House Wren	1
Lesser Goldfinch	18
Magnolia Warbler	1
Pine Siskin	2
Red-winged Blackbird	1
Say's Phoebe	22
Spotted Towhee	1
Western Bluebird	1
Western Kingbird	2
Western Scrub Jay	1
Western Tanager	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1
Pelecaniformes	2
Black Crowned Night Heron	1
Cattle Egret	1
Piciformes	6
Hairy Woodpecker	1
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	3
Northern Flicker	2
Strigiformes	18
Great Horned Owl	9
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1
Western Screech Owl	8
Grand Total	735

Aves - non-protected	Count
Anseriformes	2
Domestic Duck	2
Columbiformes	116
Common Pigeon	116
Passeriformes	129
European Starling	13
House Sparrow	116
Grand Total	247

Mammalia	Count
Carnivora	2
Raccoon	1
Striped Skunk	1
Chiroptera	10
Bat sp	6
Free-tailed bat sp	1
Silver-haired Bat	3
Lagomorpha	135
Desert Cottontail	135
Rodentia	47
Antelope Squirrel	2
Cliff Chipmunk	1
Desert Woodrat	2
House Mouse	1
Least Chipmunk	5
Meadow Vole	1
North American Porcupine	1
Pocket Gopher	2
Rock Squirrel	27
Squirrel sp	1
White-footed Mouse	4
Grand Total	194

Reptilia	Count
Squamata	1
Snake sp	1
Testudines	18
Box Turtle	17
Red-eared Slider	1
Grand Total	19

Grand Total All Species 1195