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Wildlife Rehabilitation Contract number is 20 516 0000 00031

June 2020 Report

Project Title: **Wildlife Rehabilitation**

Wildlife Rescue Inc. of New Mexico (WRINM)

During the first six months of 2020, over 890 birds, mammals and reptiles were brought to the WRINM clinic by concerned individuals in need of help and guidance. Agencies and organizations that have used the services of WRINM for the care of displaced wildlife included, but were not limited to: NMDGF, NM Parks and Recreation, ABQ Animal Services, Los Ranchos Animal Services, Edgewood Animal Services, Bernalillo County Animals Services, Rio Grande Zoo, Rio Rancho Animal Services, Santa Fe Country Club and Hawks Aloft.

COVID-19 restrictions have certainly had an impact on our programs and the number of intakes this year. Though we are working with the Rio Grande Nature Center to keep our operations open seven days a week, we have to use reduced hours and staff. When people realize the Nature Center is closed, they tend to look elsewhere for help. We believe this explains the slight drop in the number of intakes we have seen during the first six months of this year as compared to the same period last year. Since the start of the restrictions, we have been unable to participate in any face to face discussions with our rescuers. We have been working with CNM students to begin creating videos, which can be shared on line with interested parties.

Baby Desert Cottontails are having a tough year with their own epidemic crisis, the hemorrhagic fever, but there may be good news for rabbits caught by cats. In the past, a cat-caught rabbit faced almost certain demise. This year, our mammal rehabilitators have been treating the healthier cat-caught juvenile rabbits with antibiotics and have successfully saved some of them.

Baby mallards and wood ducks are fortunate to have a new finishing school available to them this year. We keep them in the clinic when they are very young. Once they are juveniles and able to go outside, they can be moved to a protected outdoor area from which they can leave when able to fly.

Our education birds continue to work even if they are not in the public eye. Currently a Great Horned Owl is helping the rehabilitation efforts by fostering fledglings.

Beverly Riley

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Wildlife Rescue Inc New Mexico - species count 1/1/20 - 6/30/20

Aves - Protected	count
Accipitriformes	6
Cooper's Hawk	4
Red-tailed Hawk	2
Anseriformes	29
American Wigeon	1
Blue-winged Teal	1
Canada Goose	3
Mallard	15
Wood Duck	9
Apodiformes	73
Black-chinned Hummingbird	73
Caprimulgiformes	4
Common Nighthawk	2
Common Poorwill	1
Unidentified Nighthawk	1
Charadriiformes	3
Killdeer	3
Columbiformes	137
American Mourning Dove	2
Dove sp	1
Eurasian Collared-dove	45
Mourning Dove	34
White-winged Dove	55
Cuculiformes	9
Greater Roadrunner	9
Falconiformes	2
American Kestrel	2
Galliformes	15
Gambel's Quail	8
Ring-necked Pheasant	1
Scaled Quail	6
Gruiformes	3
American Coot	1
Sandhill Crane	1
Sora	1
Passeriformes	206
Acadian Flycatcher	1
American Crow	11
American Robin	40
Barn Swallow	2
Black-headed Grosbeak	1
Blue Grosbeak	1
Bullock's Oriole	3
Canyon Towhee	1
Cassin's Finch	1
Cliff Swallow	3
Common Grackle	1
Common Raven	4
Curve-billed Thrasher	2
Dark-eyed Junco	6
Eastern Bluebird	1
Hermit Thrush	2
House Finch	85
Lesser Goldfinch	10
Mountain Bluebird	1
Say's Phoebe	13
Spotted Towhee	1
Violet-green Swallow	1
Warbler sp	1
Western Kingbird	8
Western Scrub Jay	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	3
White-crowned Sparrow	1
Wren sp	1
Pelecaniformes	2
Black Crowned Night Heron	1
Cattle Egret	1
Piciformes	5
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	2
Northern Flicker	1
Unidentified Woodpecker	1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1
Strigiformes	13
Burrowing Owl	2
Great Horned Owl	3
Western Screech Owl	8
Grand Total	507

Aves - Non-protected	Count
Columbiformes	83
Rock Pigeon	83
Galliformes	1
Common Peacock	1
Passeriformes	78
European Starling	6
House Sparrow	71
Pied Crow	1
Grand Total	162

Mammalia	Count
Chiroptera	4
Bat sp	2
Mexican Free-tailed Bat	1
Pallid Bat	1
Lagomorpha	128
Desert Cottontail	128
Rodentia	93
Abert's Squirrel	1
Cliff Chipmunk	2
Field Mouse	9
House Mouse	2
Least Chipmunk	5
Ord's Kangaroo Rat	1
Packrat	3
Rock Squirrel	50
Spotted Ground Squirrel	5
White-footed Mouse	14
White-tailed Antelope Squirrel	1
Grand Total	225

Reptilia	Count
Testudines	2
Desert Box Turtle	1
Western Box Turtle	1
Grand Total	2

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