

## SHARE WITH WILDLIFE

Wildlife Rehabilitation Contract number 18 516 0000 00029

### End of FY 2018 Report

Project Title: **Wildlife Rehabilitation  
Wildlife Rescue Inc. of New Mexico (WRINM)**

In the year 2017 over 2,300 animals were brought to the WRINM clinic by people in need of help. From the beginning of calendar year 2018, over 1,100, or more than half of the yearly expected number of animals, have been brought to the WRINM clinic by people in need of help. Agencies which have also used the services of WRINM for 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; and the Santa Fe Country Club. Attached is the total we have received in the first half of calendar year 2018.

The yellow billed cuckoo mentioned in our 2017 report was released, much to everyone's pleasure, at Valle de Oro on July 8<sup>th</sup> 2017. Among the birds received in the first half of calendar year 2018 were 2 Mexican spotted owls. One was found on a roadside in Cloudcroft and the other at the front of a train that had just arrived in Belen (the train originated in Amarillo). The male found in Cloudcroft did not survive and was deposited in the Museum of Southwestern Biology at the University of New Mexico. The female that arrived by train, after 2 weeks in recovery from the trauma, was taken to Cloudcroft to be released in the densest, least inhabited forest to be found.

At this writing, great horned owl nestlings/branchers have fallen out of the trees in greater Albuquerque. We continue to reunite or wild foster these if possible. If not possible, they are raised by an educational Foster Parent. Cooper's hawks are hatching and growing. We expect young nestlings and branchers to be arriving soon and will continue to pursue the same program of reuniting and fostering with them. In addition, we have raised quite a number of barn owl nestlings. We have hacked out two in partnership with the Santa Fe Country Club and The New Mexico Wildlife Center. In this very dry year, introducing them to the managed grounds of a country club to control gophers may give them a start with a good prey base, in addition to reducing the use of rodent control toxins.

We continue to band many releasable birds in partnership with Rio Grande Bird Research.

WRI conducted 145 educational programs totaling 216 hours in schools (K-12) and other venues. Attendees totaled about 6,900 people, among them 2,000 children. We are happy to be able to work with NMDGF and New Mexico Parks and Recreation on programs such as these, which include programs at the National Wildlife Refuges, State Wildlife Management Areas, NM Outdoor Expo., and several State Parks around New Mexico.

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Wildlife Rescue Inc New Mexico - species count 1/1/18 - 6/29/18

Protected Birds	
Row Labels	Total
Accipitriformes	27
Cooper's Hawk	22
Red-tailed Hawk	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2
Swainson's Hawk	2
Anseriformes	85
Canada Goose	3
Mallard	71
Muscovy Duck	1
Ruddy Duck	1
Wood Duck	9
Apodiformes	53
Black-chinned Hummingbird	53
Caprimulgiformes	1
Common Poorwill	1
Charadriiformes	1
Franklin's Gull	1
Columbiformes	168
Mourning Dove	56
Other Doves	42
White-winged Dove	70
Cuculiformes	16
Greater Roadrunner	16
Falconiformes	7
American Kestrel	7
Galliformes	27
Gambel's Quail	15
Scaled Quail	12
Gruiiformes	2
Sandhill Crane	1
Sora	1
Passeriformes	228
American Crow	9
American Goldfinch	1
American Robin	49
Ash-throated Flycatcher	4
Barn Swallow	8
Bushtit	6
Cassin's Finch	3
Cedar Waxwing	1
Chihuahuan Raven	3
Cliff Swallow	4
Common Grackle	2
Common Raven	12
Curve-billed Thrasher	4
Dark-eyed Junco	2
Evening Grosbeak	2
Great-tailed Grackle	1
House Finch	68
House Wren	1
Lesser Goldfinch	13
Magnolia Warbler	1
Mountain Bluebird	1
Orange-crowned Warbler	1
Pine Siskin	4
Say's Phoebe	10
Spotted Towhee	3
Swainson's Thrush	1
Violet-green Swallow	1
Western Bluebird	1
Western Kingbird	4
Western Scrub Jay	6
White-breasted Nuthatch	1
Wilson's Warbler	1
Pelecaniformes	5
Black Crowned Night Heron	2
Great Blue Heron	1
Snowy Egret	2
Piciformes	6
Downy Woodpecker	1
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	2
Northern Flicker	3
Podicipediformes	1
Pied-billed Grebe	1
Strigiformes	39
Barn owl	10
Burrowing Owl	1
Flammulated Owl	1
Great Horned Owl	9
Mexican Spotted Owl	2
Northern Long-eared Owl	1
Northern Saw-whet Owl	2
Western Screech Owl	13
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>666</b>

Non-Protected Birds	
Row Labels	Total
Anseriformes	2
Domestic Duck	2
Columbiformes	129
Pigeons	129
Galliformes	1
Domestic Chicken	1
Passeriformes	114
European Starling	24
House Sparrow	90
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>246</b>

Mammals	
Row Labels	Total
Carnivora	3
American Badger	1
Striped Skunk	2
Chiroptera	2
Pallid Bat	1
Silver-haired Bat	1
Lagomorpha	180
Black-tailed Jackrabbit	1
Desert Cottontail	179
Rodentia	77
Antelope Squirrel sp	3
Field Mouse	1
House Mouse	21
Mouse sp	2
North American Porcupine	1
Pocket Gopher sp	1
Prairie Dog sp	2
Rock Squirrel	35
Squirrel sp	1
White-footed Mouse	10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>262</b>

Reptiles	
Row Labels	Total
Squamata	2
Fence Lizard	1
Lizard sp	1
Testudines	4
Ornate Box Turtle	2
Red-eared Slider	1
Western Box Turtle	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6</b>

**Total All Species 1,180**