



# Three Rivers Avian Center

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## **2022 Rehabilitation Report 1/1/2022 through 12/31/2022**

We had a total of 232 patients turned in representing 53 species. We ended with a release rate of 49% if the Dead on Arrival & Euthanized On Arrival are eliminated from the equation. 2 patients are still pending, one will be released and one transferred to our Education permit.

The most numerous species turned were Red Tailed Hawks (31), Barred Owls (29), American Robins (23) Red Shouldered Hawks (14) and Eastern Screech Owls (13).

27 West Virginia counties sent birds to us for care, and private individuals turned in individual patients from Allegheny and Tazewell counties in Virginia. The counties who turned in the most patients are: Raleigh (35), Kanawha (34), Greenbrier (24) Summers (23) Mercer (18) and Fayette (17).

Causes of injury: Collisions with vehicles (56), predation by cats (22), collisions with other objects than vehicles (51) Starvation (11).

The months with the most intakes are May and July, followed by August and June. This follows the fledging times for young birds closely. There was a period of a few months when we were unable to test for lead toxicity because our lead test kits became outdated and it was difficult to obtain fresh ones in a timely manner (thanks COVID!). We think that testing may have helped explain the starvation numbers - even if lead toxic levels are low it can lead to a lack of interest in food or inability to successfully hunt.

We were able to place the bald eagle from May 2021 with the Rocky Mountain Raptor Program in Fort Collins, CO on November 11, 2022. A staff member and her family from Rocky Mountain drove the long distance to pick him up from TRAC in Charleston. Follow up emails and texts are showing him settling in well and finally training to be on the glove.

We still have 2 patients in-house from 2022: a young bald eagle that came in on 10/23/2022 from Monroe county who is healing up from a broken humerus and lead poisoning. The bone was surgically repaired successfully and he is now building up endurance and maneuverability in the Flight Barn Continual Flyway. We expect release in February. The other patient is a Common Raven we've named "Myrtle" that we received on 9/16/2023. She is going to be transferred to our Education permit in 2023. She is a human imprint/heavily human habituated bird.

A full listing of 2022 patient intakes is attached to this report.

Three Rivers Avian Center							
2022 Rehabilitation Permit - USFWS Permit # MB776976							
Annual End-of-Year Report							
	Died	DOA	EOA	Euthanize	Pending	Released	Total
American Kestrel			1			3	4
American Robin	7		5	2		9	23
Bald Eagle				1	1	1	3
Barn Owl						1	1
Barn Swallow	3						3
Barred Owl	4	2	9	6		8	29
Black Vulture			1			1	2
Blue Jay			1				1
Broad-winged Hawk		1	1			2	4
Chimney Swift	1		1			5	7
Common Loon	1						1
Common Nighthawk			2				2
Common Raven			1		1		2
Common Snipe						1	1
Cooper's Hawk			1			4	5
Dark-Eyed Junco						1	1
Eastern Bluebird			1				1
Eastern Screech Owl	1		3	4		5	13
Eastern Tufted Titmouse	1			1		6	8
Gray Catbird	1						1
Great Blue Heron						1	1
Great Egret				1			1
Great Horned Owl	1		1	1		1	4
Green Heron	1						1
Hairy Woodpecker			1			2	3
Herring Gull				1			1
House Sparrow	1						1
House Wren	2	1	1				4
Killdeer	2						2
Lesser Scaup						2	2
Mourning Dove	3		2	1		1	7
Northern Cardinal	1		2				3
Northern Flicker	2		1				3
Northern Mockingbird		1					1
Osprey			1				1
Peregrine Falcon				1			1
Pileated Woodpecker	2					1	3
Purple Finch						1	1
Purple Martin	1						1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1			1		1	3
Red-shouldered Hawk	1		7	2		4	14
Red-tailed Hawk	7	2	3	6		13	31
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1		1			1	3
Ruffed Grouse		1					1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	5		1			1	7
Song Sparrow	1						1
Tree Swallow		1					1
Turkey Vulture			4	2		3	9
Unknown Song Bird	1		2			1	4
Unknown Sparrow	1		1				2
Virginia Rail						1	1
White-breasted Nuthatch						1	1
Wood Thrush	1						1
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>232</b>