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Terns, Terns, Terns see article about raising baby Least Terns on page 4
Tern photos by Bonnie Samuelsen

WILDLIFE SANCTUARY'S WISH LIST

Pine Straw
Fresh/Frozen Fish
Tissues
Gallon Freezer Ziploc
Trash Bags (13 & 45 gallon)

Animal & Graham Crackers
Suet/Dried Mealworms
Purina Puppy Chow
Pedialyte
Amdro
Paper Towels



Safflower/Sunflower Hearts
Fresh/Frozen Chicken
Red Meat/Venison(no ground or
spiced please)
Fresh/Frozen Berries
Fresh Squash/Apples/Melon/

Pumpkins
Nuts (no salt please)
Disposable Gloves
Gift Cards -Wal-Mart, Lowe's,
Amazon, Home Depot,
Office Depot and Chewy

Upcoming events at the Wildlife Sanctuary:

Dining for Donations at the Arts Festival

Saturday, November 2, 2019 11:00 am to 6:00 pm
Next to the Pensacola Bay Brewery @ the Arts Festival

Holiday Lights- A Walk on the Wildside

Sunday & Monday December 22nd & 23rd 4:30 to 7:00pm
Friday & Saturday December 27th & 28th 4:30 to 7:00 pm
On the Sanctuary Grounds, 105 North S Street, Pensacola (additional dates pending)

Born To Be Wild Open House

Saturday, April 4, 2020 3:30 to 7:00pm
On the Sanctuary Grounds, 105 North S Street, Pensacola



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Frances Webb & ECUA Employees - Recycling Program

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Maria's Seafood- always helping us out

The Harpers- never ending supply drive

Pat Rhodes- who keeps us on track and keeps our records perfect

Larry, Bob, Jerry - building and repairing, they can do it all

Pam & Shannon Winchester, Angie and Karen- Wow...just Wow!!!!

Renfroe Pecans...lots and lots of pecans!

Barbara Judah Bait & Tackle - Minnows, worms and crickets wahoo!

Our Special Birthday Folks, who asked for supplies, rather than gifts

Nativity of Our Lord Church - a big supply drive for the animals

Mark Robertson, Dan Dunn, the team of Pensacola chefs & friends-You Rock

Pensacola Bay Brewery - your support to us all year!

Big Top Brewery-for sharing your day!

Navy Federal Credit Union- treating us like family

Fireman Pest Control- always ready to help

Mike Danson- for always answering when we bug you with problems!

Bob B- the amazing Mullet Guy, thank you so much

Garth's Antiques- A Million Thanks

Our great team of volunteers, staff and board members- we are so grateful!
And of course our supporters and to the community who have helped us reach 37 years ! We are so lucky to have all of you.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

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- Do not give food or water
- Keep in a quiet place
- Keep out of extreme heat or air conditioning

**TRANSPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...
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Help Support our mission by dropping
off your aluminum drink cans!
It's a great way to help and you can
drop them off 7 days a week.



In 2017 you helped raise \$1,433.00
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Let's keep recycling!



Terns on release day!

Ospreys: A Tale of Resilience

By Carrie Stevenson, Coastal Sustainability Agent, Escambia County Extension

Big hurricanes like Dorian (Bahamas) and 2018's Michael (central Florida Panhandle) were devastating to the communities they landed in. Flooding, wind, rain, loss of power and communications eventually made way for ad hoc clearing and cleanup, temporary shelters, and a slow walk to recovery. Among the most striking visual impacts of a hurricane are the tree losses, as there are unnatural openings in the canopy and light suddenly shines on areas that had been shaded for years. In northwest Florida, pines are particularly vulnerable. After any hurricane in the Panhandle, you can drive down Interstate 10 for miles and see endless pines blown to the ground or broken off at the top. During Hurricane Ivan 15 years ago, the coastal areas in Escambia and Santa Rosa lost thousands of trees not only due to wind, but also to tree roots inundated by saltwater for long periods.



Ospreys, or fish hawks, build their nests from sticks atop dead trees. Photo credit: UF IFAS Exte

Nature always finds a way, though. Because of all those dead (but still-standing) pines, our osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) population is in great shape in the Pensacola area. How are these two things related? Well, ospreys build large stick nests in the tall branches/crooks of dead trees, known as snags. They particularly prefer those near the water bodies where they fish. When I first moved here 20 years ago, I rarely saw ospreys.

Now, it's uncommon *not* to see them near the bayous and bays, or to hear their high-pitched calls as they swoop and dive for fish.



Dead trees left by hurricanes serve as ideal nesting ground for large birds like ospreys. Photo credit: Carrie Stevenson, UF IFAS Extension

If you are not familiar with ospreys, they can be distinguished by their call and their size (up to six foot wingspan). It is common to see them in their large nests atop those snags, flying, or diving for fish. I usually see them with mullet in their talons, although they also prey on catfish, spotted trout, and other smaller species. They have white underbellies, brown backs, and are smaller than eagles but larger than your average hawk. One of their more interesting physical adaptations (and identifying characteristics) is their ability to grip fish parallel to their bodies, making it more aerodynamic than the perpendicular method most birds use.

Ospreys mate for life, and cooperate to build nests and care for young. The species has overcome many complex threats—including DDT damage to eggs and habitat loss—but the sight of them flying is always inspiring to me. They are a living embodiment of resilience amidst adversity.

Education is Important to Everyone

The Wildlife Sanctuary believes you should never stop learning, especially when it comes to taking care of our animals! Two of our staff plus two of our volunteers were part of the learning team that attended the Florida Wildlife Rehabilitators Association's 31st annual symposium. It was truly amazing to have such an opportunity to continue learning and to network with rehabbers from all over Florida and beyond.

Dorothy Kaufmann and Emily Holden are on the Advisory Board for the Florida Wildlife

Rehabilitators Association and assist in the planning and hosting of the State Symposium. Dorothy and Emily were guest speakers for the Symposium.



BIRD JAM 2019

The Wildlife Sanctuary of Northwest Florida enjoyed another successful BirdJam music fest for the 3rd year. It was a fun-filled day with our sponsors and friends at Pensacola Bay Brewery on Sunday, September 22, 2019. Amazing local chefs with tons of delicious food, plus live music, great Bay Brewery beer and wonderful folks came together to support the Wildlife Sanctuary's critters.

In addition to the food, beer, music and lots of folks... there was the excitement of live birds of prey and kids' activities in the park. The Sanctuary's booth, with 3 bird ambassadors, an Albino Vulture, a Great Horned Owl and an American Kestrel, drew big crowds with lots of questions. The BirdJam t-shirts were flying off the shelves and raffle tickets were being scooped up to win a big basket from C & D Mill with all their goodies plus a big cuddly Flamingo stuffed toy. Children enjoyed participating in coloring crafts, learning bird

calls and other games. If you missed it you also missed Karen Stone's beautiful pottery, the ECUA's Quench buggy and the Fire Truck from station one.

We owe a big thanks to our sponsor's generous donations and to the community for your strong support. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

•Pensacola Bay Brewery

•Hill-Kelly Dodge

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•Karen Stone

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•Pensacola Chefs you Rock!!



Tern - Tern - Tern - Tern

Hmmmm was that the Birds or the Byrd's?? Sorry, showing my age...

This Summer the Wildlife Sanctuary of Northwest Florida assisted Florida Fish and Wildlife and Audubon with a delicate job. You see, 20 least tern babies and lots of tern eggs lost their home. Yes, they were minding their own business and their parents were caring for them and doing a great job. The issue was where they nested. As we humans encroach on wild spaces, so birds and other animals try to adapt to environmental changes. These least terns were nesting on a rooftop of a building that had been damaged during a recent hurricane. So.... the birds lost their space and were removed during their nesting cycle.

The birds were from Panama City area but our facility is one of the largest, oldest and most experienced in raising least terns in Northwest Florida, so they were transported here. Everyone pitched in with the care and in keeping us stocked with hundreds and hundreds of tiny minnows. I think all we thought about everyday was "how are the fish", "do we have live minnows", "did anyone put ice in with the minnows", "when do the fresh minnows arrive", and of course "how are the baby terns doing".

At last they were getting big enough to be moved to an outside unit for little mini flights and real fishing for live minnows. Did I mention they could eat through 250 tiny minnows in 4 hours? How in the world do those adult terns find fish and then fly in to feed their babies

By Dorothy Kaufmann, Director



every hour? It's mind boggling!

We are sharing a few photos and will let you know that terns were released. Wahoo! Yes, we coordinated with some of the nicest folks for the big day. The birds were weighed, measured,

recorded and banded before release. This makes it possible to be followed, since they weren't learning and leaving with their parents and main flock. Even though their nesting had some rocky and crazy interruptions, many good things came from it all.

Education, friendship, communication, partnerships, trust and patience were not all part of the Summer with the beautiful and graceful Least Terns.



WILDfest 2019

A wonderful day indeed! The sun was shining...okay it was hot; the birds were singing; a breeze was blowing... from strategically placed fans... a day made even more perfect by the 700 + friends and supporters being with us. WILDfest is our largest fundraiser of the year and probably our most needed. It helps us fund the care of over 3000 birds and mammals we receive during our busy summer months.

So many Thank yous are in order: Paula Payne, our amazing artist, for designing our WILDfest 2019 t-shirt, Hemingway's Island Grill, Jo's ...as always, and McGuire's Irish Pub for the fabulous desserts. The Escambia County Mounted Posse, Pensacola Fire Station #4 and the ECUA Quench Buggy also

donated their time and personnel for making education fun! Thank you to Molly O'Connor with the Roy Hyatt Environmental Center, Rick O'Connor of Florida Sea Grant Escambia County and the Navarre Beach Sea Turtle Conservation Center for their amazing displays and the Francis M. Weston Audubon Society for their wonderful avian information. And, of course, a huge

thanks to our very special volunteers whose timeless dedication and invaluable help make events like this possible!

This event also could not have been possible without our wonderful WILDfest 2019 sponsors listed below. Thank you all for continuing to support us, loving our natural world, and always being there for us.



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From Charlotte Borrás

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From Mom

Wildlife Sanctuary of Northwest FL

Thank you for all you do

From Eleanor Aspliden

For taking the mama bat & her 2 babies
and all the other critters we have brought
to you

From Dolly Clark

Still my favorite!

From Linda Hartman

You guys do a great job!

From Shirley Farage

Thank you so much for all you do
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Who have their mommy's love of animals

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