

Reminder to self.....never say “Gee, it’s been quiet so far this year”.

Second reminder to self....a baby kestrel weighing 75 grams can shoot feces up over the side of a box and into the room about three feet.

Third reminder to self....never leave town during the peak of the busy season for a week and get stranded in Chicago overnight. It leaves Kathy not only stressed out from all the birds, but also causes her to have to come to the airport twice to pick you up.

On the more serious side, it has been a pretty good baby season, with most being released in good health after a little extra food and growth and more flight practice. There have been some injuries but most have healed well, young birds being very quick to mend their bruises, broken bones and such.

There is one young red-tailed hawk that will not be releasable and we have decided to keep and train him for an education bird. Our red-tail “Mildred” is at least 15 years old and we feel she might welcome a companion. It will also take some of the burden of going to programs from her by sharing that work. He is a very handsome youngster and we named him P.B. Floyd (pretty boy) but he will be called Floyd for short. Kris Brantley is taking on the job of training him, which is a great help, and should prove a good experience for Kris.

During the period of time when birds were being switched from smaller cages to larger ones for more exercise (musical birds) our faithful photographer (Tom Haynes) would come once a week expecting to take some more pictures of a particular bird and find another bird in the cage where it had been. The bird he expected would either be in another cage or already released. One week when he came in asking about a particular kestrel we had to inform him that it and two more had been released and three new ones had been placed in the cage with the remaining two....and we didn’t even change the names on the door, just the numbers for our records.

Katie

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The raptor center will partner with John Byrd (local herpetology expert) in giving a workshop in Rugby on Saturday, August 1 from 10 am to 1 pm (eastern). The fee is \$12 (a special fee of \$6 for K-8 students accompanied by an adult) and a donation from the fees will be made to the raptor center. Historic Rugby sponsors these activities to preserve the rich traditions and diverse natural resources of the Cumberland Plateau. If you are interested, you can register by calling 1-888-214-3400.
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NEEDED:

Low-skill carpentry for cage repair

Yard work volunteers

Donations for raptor center students' "prize box"

Volunteers for various and assorted jobs



Programs

Date	Location	Volunteers
April		
7 th	Tour for Clinton Elementary Kindergarten	Krista Ramsey, Annum Raja, Katie
8 th	Tour for Clinton Elementary Kindergarten	Noah Hock, Kelsy Gross, Katie
9 th	North Clinton Elem. 2 nd grade	Eric Hardin, Caleb Johnson, Katie
14 th	Tour for Clinton Elementary Kindergarten	Taylor Viglasky, Matthew Roberts, Katie
22 nd	Adult Tour at Center	Zach Hodge, Rebecca Wright, Katie
25 th	Earth Day Oak Ridge	Kathy, Katie, Kris
30 th	Home Demonstration Club Lafollette	Kris, Katie
May		
1 st	South Clinton Elementary	Aaron McGuffin, Miranda Petty, Katie
6 th	Orientation at Clinton Middle	Aaron Simmons, Brittany Dagley, Kathy
7 th	Orientation at Clinton Middle	Emma Herrell, Cayla Rader, Kathy
8 th	Dutch Valley Elementary 3 rd grade	Kathy, Katie
25 th	Honor Fountain City Day	Kathy, Katie
June		
1 st	Clinton Science Camp	Joyce Dye, Katie
10 th	Kingston Public Library	Joyce Dye, Katie

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Raptor Update

Date	Species	Reason for Admission	Outcome
April 5	Eastern Screech Owl	Wing damage	Euthanized, May 7
April 14	Cooper's Hawk	Bruised elbow	Euthanized, April 18
April 17	Great Horned Owl	Brancher on the ground	Died, June 24
April 17	Barred Owl	Open fracture of ulna	Euthanized, April 17
April 26	Eastern Screech Owl	Baby on the ground	Released, July 1
April 26	Great Horned Owl	Toe damage	Released, May 10
April 28	Red-tailed Hawk	Unknown	Died, April 28
May 1	Turkey Vulture	Unknown	Euthanized, May 21
May 1	Turkey Vulture	Unknown	Euthanized, May 9
May 6	Broad-winged Hawk	Hit by a car	Released, May 10
May 8	Barred Owl	Found on side of road	Pending
May 8	American Kestrel	Baby	Released, June 15
May 10	Great Horned Owl	Brancher	Released, July 7
May 14	Red-shouldered Hawk	Baby on the ground	Released, June 25
May 19	Red-shouldered Hawk	Baby on the ground	Released, June 25
May 21	Barn Owl	Baby - tree cut down	Released, July 5
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May 21	Eastern Screech Owl	Baby on the ground	Released, July 1
May 21	Eastern Screech Owl	Rescued from a cat's mouth	Released, July 1
May 24	Red-tailed Hawk	Fell from nest; fractured carpal joint	Pending
May 30	American Kestrel	Found inside a building	Released, June 15
June 2	Red-shouldered Hawk	Fractured radius, ulna, femur	
June 3	American Kestrel	Fledgling	Released, July 1
June 3	Red-tailed Hawk	Hit by a car	Died, June 4
June 7	Barn Owl	Baby found by the road	Died, June 20
June 11	American Kestrel	Fledgling	Released, July 1
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June 15	American Kestrel	Fledgling	Released, June 20
June 15	American Kestrel	Fledgling	Released, June 20
June 15	Barn Owl	Caught in barbed wire	Released, June 21
June 18	Broad-winged Hawk	Orphan	Pending
June 24	Barred Owl	Hit by a car	Pending
June 25	Red-shouldered Hawk	Couldn't stand; thin; on ground	Euthanized, June 30
June 29	Barred Owl	Hit by a car	Pending
June 29	Eastern Screech Owl	Fractured tibia/tarsus	Pending

Non-Raptor Update

Date	Species	Reason for Admission	Outcome
April 17	American Crow	Baby; on ground	Released, June 8
April 17	American Crow	Baby; fractured leg	Institutionalized, Warner Park Zoo
May 2	American Crow	Baby; on ground	Released, June 8
May 29	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Couldn't fly well	Euthanized, June 21
May 29	American Crow	On ground; fledgling	Released, June 8

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THE CLINCH RIVER RAPTOR CENTER

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110 N. Hicks St.
Clinton, TN 37716

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(includes quarterly newsletter)

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