

Hoo's Woods Raptor Center

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Raptor Rehabilitation and Educational Programs since 1999

Season's Greetings!

As the holiday season approaches we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. 2010 proved to be a busy and exciting year allowing us many new opportunities in raptor education and rehabilitation.

Education

We began the year in raptor education by participating at Cassville Bald Eagle Days. In January 2011 we will return with our birds for our 5th consecutive year. This is a terrific location for viewing wintering Bald Eagles. In February, I traveled to Boise, Idaho where I spent a week assisting my friend Bruce Haak while researching merlin falcons. Bruce is a Senior Wildlife Biologist for the Idaho Fish and Game and a notable book author. With special federal and state permits I was allowed to bring back a female merlin, "Bon Bon" that many of you met at my programs. This summer we added a new peregrine falcon (pictured right) named "Winston." Winston was sponsored by the James E. Dutton Foundation.



Rick Miller/Milton Courier Photo

We completed our 4th raptor education poster, "They're Back- Peregrine Falcon". A special thanks to those who sponsored this project. Of the 3500 posters printed, over 500 were given to teachers at the WEAC- Wisconsin Educators Association

Convention in Madison. Thank you to the Janesville Area Retired Teachers Association who assisted in funding a booth so we could have an eagle on display and distribute our education materials.

Some of the places we visited in 2010 include; Hoard Museum in Fort Atkinson, Evansville School Energy Fair, WEAC-Wisconsin State Teachers Convention, U-Rock Earth Day, Camp Edwards Women's Wellness, Tall Grass Prairie Restorations, Schlitz Audubon, Hawk Watch-Effigy Mounds, many schools, scouts, conservation groups and libraries.

Rehabilitation

Spring brought us a rash of young raptors which had blown out of nests or fallen trees due to high winds and storms. Many were successfully relocated back into their active nesting areas. Several American kestrels, screech owls and barred owls were

successfully raised and released. If you attended our annual open house you were lucky enough to see two of the kestrels released. In October we admitted a broad-wing hawk (photo left) recovered in Whitewater. This was only the second broad-wing admitted in the past 15 years. The hawk made a full recovery and is probably wintering somewhere in South America. After two years in rehab, "April" the red-tailed hawk who was burned at the Janesville Landfill was released. I'm sure April is enjoying her new found freedom.



Our **Annual Open House** held in August was well attended with over 100 people. The day was a big success due in part to area business who donated items for door prizes. We provided tours of our facility and released two kestrel falcons later in the day. We've enjoyed this event so much with our community our goal is to hold two events next year.

Volunteers

We'd like to extend a big thank you to our veterinarian, Diane Zilker, Token Creek Veterinary Hospital Sun Prairie, and our volunteers for their time and efforts this past year to assist us. We couldn't do it without you! We would like to thank Dalton Miatke, UW Whitewater student, for developing our new website. Check it out www.hooswoods.org

Giving

Through your tax-deductible donations we are able to maintain a high level of quality care for the birds along with continued excellence in our raptor education programs. We ask you to please consider one last opportunity this year to donate. Your tax-deductible gift this holiday season will make a difference next year for our organization and the people you serve.

May the holiday season be filled with joy and happiness to you and your families. We look forward to working with you in the coming year and hope our business relationship continues for many years to come.

Warm regards,
Dianne and David Moller



"Tara", our new female Saker falcon

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