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Flight log

Annual Newsletter and Impact Report from Teton Raptor Center – Jackson Hole, Wyoming

*Keeping wild
birds wild!*

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Our Mission

To advance raptor conservation through education, research, and rehabilitation.



"If you take care of birds, you take care of most of the environmental problems of the world."

— Thomas Lovejoy, Biologist

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Cover photo: Turkey Vulture in the Saint Lucia Mountains of California, ©Vivien Zepf.



Teton Raptor Center's board and staff gather in celebration of the opening of the Moseley/Hardeman Barn, Summer 2023, ©Jonathan Selkowitz.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed individuals can change the world. In fact, it's the only thing that ever has."

— Margaret Mead

Over 30 years ago, our co-founders Margaret Creel and Roger Smith had a vision for keeping wild birds wild. Together, Margaret and Roger, along with a small (and growing) group of committed individuals that include board, staff, volunteers, and donors, and an evolving team of Avian Ambassadors, made the dream of making a difference for community and conservation come true.

On June 21st, we opened the Moseley/Hardeman Barn doors to the future of raptor conservation for the first time. Since then, we have welcomed over 3,100 community members and visitors into that space to discover the wondrous world of raptors and to inspire each person to play a role in caring for birds of prey.

In the words of Roger Smith, *"Building this campus didn't take rocket science – it took something much more difficult. It took our collective ability to deeply connect, communicate, anticipate, and understand the discreet and individual needs of each precious wild bird we encounter. Each encounter, whether for triage or applied research, education or outreach, requires our magnificent team to recognize and honor the importance of raptors, their survival, and the critical role they play in ecosystem sustainability."*

Roger and Margaret's dream is our shared dream. As we move forward, we are committed to being humble and to forever being of service. We will be mentors to those who will follow in our footsteps and we are committed to staying vibrant, creative, and tolerant in helping the natural world persist.

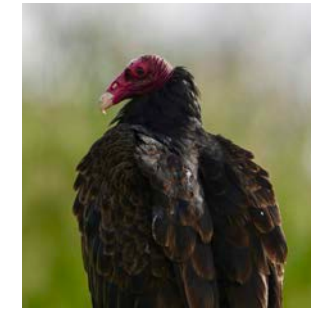
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P.S. We invite you to enjoy excerpts from an interview with TRC's Founding Family on page 28.

What's on the cover?

The gorgeous bird gracing the cover of this year's *Flight Log* is a Turkey Vulture, an often misunderstood and underappreciated species. We are pleased to feature this beautiful bird and stunning photograph for a couple of key reasons. First, this year, we welcomed Aura, our first Turkey Vulture on the Avian Ambassador team. You can learn more about her on page 8. Secondly, this photo was taken by Vivien Zepf, one of Teton Raptor Center's dedicated volunteers, supporting bird care, onsite educational experiences, and outreach. When she is not donating her time and talent to TRC, she can often be found capturing wildlife through her lens. The cover image was taken in April 2023 in the Saint Lucia Mountains of California.



Turkey Vultures (*Cathartes aura*) are a species of "least concern" but many other vulture species around the world are declining due to a variety of factors including poisoning from lead, pesticides, and certain livestock medications. There are seven extant New World Vulture species including the critically endangered California Condor. Turkey Vultures are the most widespread species in the New World Vulture family. Vultures provide a vital ecological service as scavengers. Their stomach acid is capable of breaking down diseases such as rabies, tuberculosis, and anthrax, stopping these diseases from spreading. They also help reduce the smell of rotting carcasses, hence their Latin name, *Cathartes aura*, which translates to "cleansing breeze."

The Turkey Vulture's range is actually expanding across North America. Until recently, they were not commonly found in Jackson Hole, but now they occur regularly throughout the summer months. Since 2010, TRC has admitted only 11 Turkey Vultures into our clinic, mainly due to car strikes or lead ingestion, making them one of the least common species we see for rehabilitation.

Gratitude, Appreciation, and Welcome

TRC's board and staff send a heartfelt thank you to **Chansoo Jung** who completed two terms of service on TRC's Board of Directors. We celebrate his six years (2017 - 2023) of dedication, wisdom and leadership.

This year we welcomed **Miriam and Gerry Scully** to the Board of Directors and **Steve Poole** as an emeritus board member.



Steve Poole installing a SoundScout autonomous sound recorder, ©TRC staff.

Invest in Raptor Conservation

A gift of any size ensures that our education, research, and rehabilitation programs continue to soar.

• MAKE OUR WISHES COME TRUE:

Throughout this edition of *Flight Log* you will find opportunities to fund specific wish list items for the birds, the team, and conservation-at-large at Teton Raptor Center. These wish list opportunities provide a very meaningful way to advance raptor conservation. *(And, we wish to recognize the Anonymous Donor who supports many wishes each year. We want you to know how much we appreciate your support!)*



• Donate Online, By Mail, or By Telephone:

Making a gift is as simple as writing a check payable to *Teton Raptor Center* or authorizing a charge from your credit or debit card via our website, using the enclosed envelope, or contacting us at **307.203.2551**.

• Matching Gifts:

Many companies match gifts made by employees to nonprofit organizations. Increase the impact of your gift by asking your employer to match your contributions to TRC.

• Planned Gifts:

Leave a legacy by including Teton Raptor Center in your will or trust and become part of TRC's *Soaring Society*.

• Gifts of Securities:

Gifts of stock, bonds, and mutual funds are a great way to support our work. Contact Teton Raptor Center for information on gifting securities.

Please contact us to learn more about ways to contribute to raptor conservation, **307.203.2551**.

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Teton Raptor Center Launches RaptorMapper

Golden Eagle soars above grasslands in Wyoming. ©TRC staff.

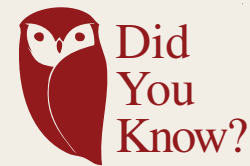
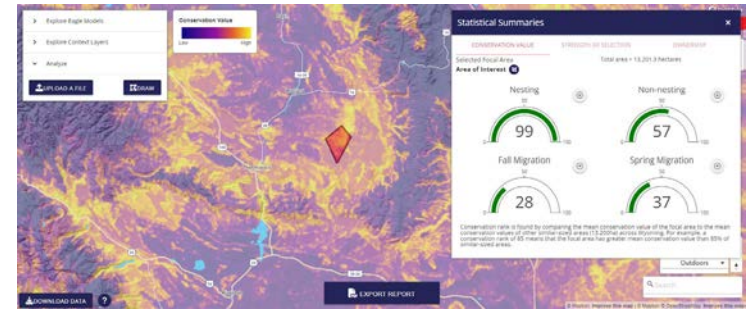
While Bald Eagles have one of the best conservation success stories in the U.S., their more secretive cousin hasn't been as lucky. Across the West, pockets of Golden Eagle populations have been declining and, at best, are stable in other areas. As a raptor that typically occupies rangelands and the vast, uninhabited wilderness across Canada and Alaska, Golden Eagles tend to avoid people and need more space than their gregarious black and white counterparts. Historic staples of the American West, our wild spaces have been shifting from huge tracts of sagebrush, grasslands, ranches, and forests to more fragmented and smaller versions of these iconic habitats. Now, species that rely on these large, intact areas, like Greater Sage-Grouse and Golden Eagles, are indicating that conservation actions are quickly needed to safeguard these iconic species. While habitat fragmentation and loss continue to be a threat for Golden Eagles, other significant causes of mortality include direct shooting and poisoning, collisions with wind turbines and vehicles, and lead and secondary rodenticide poisoning.

Up until now, we simply had to guess where the best place was to implement conservation actions. That is no longer the case thanks to the launch of RaptorMapper.com! RaptorMapper is a free, online, decision support tool where users can both explore maps of important seasonal habitats and also define or upload specific areas to determine their value to eagles. RaptorMapper.com highlights “best-of-the-best” eagle habitats to help guide where conservation easements can have the greatest value for eagles, identify areas where conservation efforts like lead abatement will reach the most birds, or where development can be sited to have the least impact.

We began the focus of RaptorMapper in Wyoming because the state hosts some of the best breeding habitat for Golden Eagles in the Lower 48. Nearly half of all eagles migrate from Alaska and Canada every winter, and the key migration routes for these majestic birds flow into and through Wyoming. Because of the importance of Wyoming

to both breeding and wintering eagles, conservation efforts to save, protect, and enhance key habitats here will have continental implications for safeguarding this at-risk species. Our research team at TRC and close collaborators at Cal Poly Humboldt, University of Wyoming, Natural Resource Geospatial, and Gage Cartographics set out on a years-long mission using millions of locations, thousands of nest sites, machine learning, and an interactive online platform to help guide conservation efforts to get the biggest return on investment from limited conservation dollars to help Golden Eagles.

After years of effort behind the collaborations, science, and development of RaptorMapper.com, we are excited to share this tool with everyone, from managers and developers to conservationists and industry. As we develop additional support, our goal is to expand this tool to other states and add other at-risk species to help guide conservation of raptors.



Did You Know?

- **20% of nest sites in Wyoming occur in only 5% of the state! Conserving these small areas will have a disproportionately high impact for conserving Golden Eagles.**
- **Wyoming has some of the best breeding habitat for Golden Eagles in the coterminous U.S. (lower 48).**
- **Wyoming has some of the greatest on-shore wind potential for commercial energy production, often in areas that overlap dense populations of eagles.**
- **Golden Eagles can live > 30 years and on average, only produce one chick every two years.**



Golden Eagle, ©TRC staff.

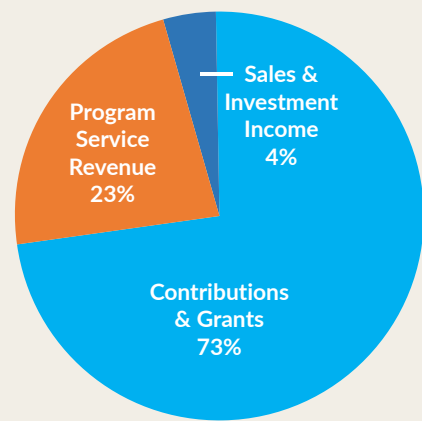
Wondering where the rest of the West is in RaptorMapper? Or maybe where some of the other sensitive species are, like Ferruginous Hawks? Help us get there! We have developed the framework for RaptorMapper and all the analysis behind it to be easily scalable and repeatable. Our team and collaborators are ready to expand this to the entire Sagebrush Biome and to add other raptor species. If you are interested in sponsoring this new and exciting conservation project, let us know!



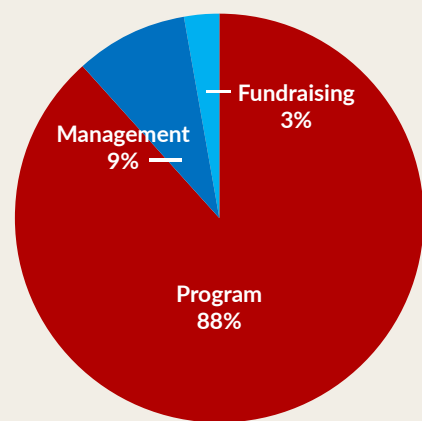
Impact Report

Finance: Teton Raptor Center's fiscal year is from June 1st through May 31st, and the statistics reported in this publication focus on FY 22-23, June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023. In FY 22-23, TRC generated \$1,633,146 in revenue, with an additional \$2,310,126 in restricted funds to support TRC's capital improvements. Total operational expenses were \$1,544,294, with an additional non-cash depreciation expense of \$194,578. TRC's Form 990 is posted on our website, and we invite you to review that report for more financial detail. Our FY 23-24 operational budget is \$1,940,412.

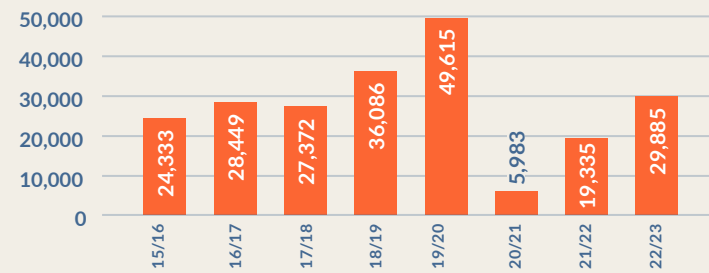
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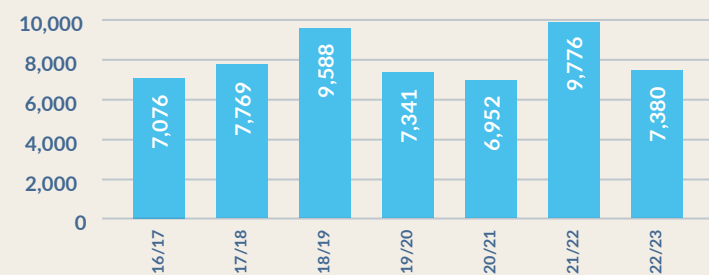
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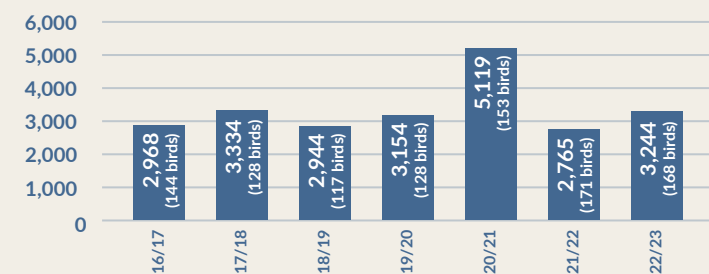
Program Participants by Fiscal Year



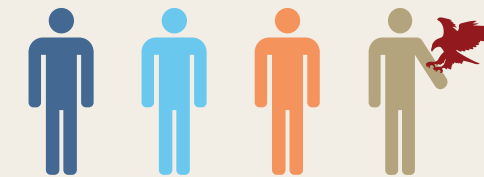
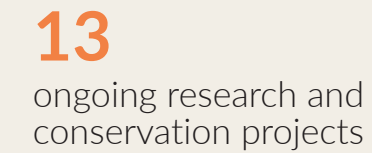
Volunteer Hours by Fiscal Year



Patient Care Days by Fiscal Year



By the Numbers: FY 2022-2023





Most reached/engaged-with post on Facebook and Instagram:

Gus the Golden Eagle's 18th Hatch Day

The celebration of Gus the Golden Eagle's 18th Hatch Day on April 25, 2023 garnered the greatest reach of any social media post in TRC's history on both Facebook and Instagram.



Total social media impressions:  

1,681,699
accounts reached

132,319 
reactions

40,610 
shares

1,751 
comments

Welcome New Avian Ambassadors!

Meet our Ambassadors-In-Training

Aura the Turkey Vulture



Aura came to TRC from Raptor Rehab of Kentucky, Inc. in Louisville, KY., where she was admitted after being unintentionally imprinted by humans. Aura was named in reference to the scientific name for Turkey Vultures, "*Cathartes aura*," through a community naming contest. "*Cathartes aura*" roughly translates to "cleansing breeze", which refers to this species' important role as scavengers.

Sage the Ferruginous Hawk



Sage is a retired falconry bird that came to us from a falconer in Michigan. This beautiful hawk was named Sage by our research team, who study this species through several projects. In addition to utilizing open sagebrush habitats, Ferruginous Hawks also use the branches of sagebrush in building their nests.

Cosmo the Barn Owl



Cosmo joined the team from the conservation breeding program at World Bird Sanctuary in St Louis, MO. At just a few weeks old, he started training to be a confident, life-long ambassador for his species. The name "Cosmo" was selected by staff as it refers to Barn Owls being a *cosmopolitan* species, meaning they can be found all around the world, on every continent except Antarctica.

New Avian Ambassador photos, ©TRC staff.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Detected in Two Avian Ambassadors

At the end of 2022, we lost our two beloved American Kestrels, Beatrix and Frost to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). HPAI surged throughout the country during the 2022 spring migration season, briefly subsided, and then reappeared throughout the United States with fall migration. This rapidly spreading virus is commonly seen in waterfowl and other flocking birds and is categorized as a zoonotic disease, meaning that it is transmissible to humans.

Following the confirmation of HPAI in our two birds, we went into a 30-day quarantine where we stopped all programs and closed the Roost, home to our Avian Ambassadors, to

visitors. No other birds contracted the disease, and we resumed normal programming in January with additional biosecurity measures in place.

We are grateful to our network of veterinarians and rehabbers at The Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, and Wyoming Game and Fish Department, who provided guidance, test kits, and more to help us get through this difficult period. The Jackson Hole Community Foundation granted us funds to replace equipment and materials that we were forced to dispose of after the HPAI exposure, and funded the quarantine zone.

Honoring TRC's Avian Ambassadors

TRC's diverse team of Avian Ambassadors come from all different backgrounds and circumstances. They help tell important stories about raptor conservation, the threats to raptor populations all over the world, and the many ways everyone can contribute to protecting them. These birds play an invaluable role as ambassadors for their species that can't be summed up merely with numbers. However, the program tallies can give you a sense of just how much they contributed to our education programs during their time with us.

Over the past year, we bid farewell to several of our beloved Avian Ambassadors. Their roles as ambassadors for their species undoubtedly contributed to raptor conservation. We thank them and honor them.

K2, Eurasian Eagle Owl, Avian Ambassador at TRC from 2015 – 6/7/23. Impact: **825** programs, **48,230** program participants. Now, at the age of 19 years old, she has retired to an outdoor aviary at Tracy Aviary in Salt Lake City, UT where she will continue to inspire audiences from all over the world.

Frost, American Kestrel, Avian Ambassador at TRC from 6/14/16 – 12/8/22. Impact: **1,015** programs, **56,124** program participants.

Beatrix, American Kestrel, Avian Ambassador at TRC from 2015 – 11/29/22. Impact: **1,374** programs, **63,141** program participants.

Otus, Eastern Screech Owl, Avian Ambassador at TRC from 9/16/17 – 04/18/23. Impact: **811** programs, **40,704** participants.

Taiga, Great Gray Owl, Avian Ambassador at TRC from 7/18/16 – 1/30/23. Impact: **795** programs, **45,669** participants.



Since 2010, 24 different Avian Ambassadors have served as conservation educators at Teton Raptor Center, partaking in 5,098 programs.



K2, Eurasian Eagle Owl, ©David Akoubian.



Frost, American Kestrel, ©Becca Bredehoff.



Beatrix, American Kestrel, ©David Akoubian.



Otus, Eastern Screech Owl, ©David Akoubian.



Taiga, Great Gray Owl, ©Becca Bredehoff.



Education

Expanded Education Programs in 2024



Bryan Bedrosian, Connor Hartnett, and Gus the Golden Eagle present during a free community program in the Hardeman Barn, ©TRC staff.

With the opening of the Hardeman Barn in 2023, we have had the opportunity to launch new and exciting programs such as a series of four, free “Talon Talks” in August. In 2024, we will extend our onsite program offerings with children’s programs, “bird-day” parties, “Winged Wednesdays,” and more. In addition to the Avian Experience, on the first Wednesday of each month we will provide evening programs that dive into a specific raptor topic. From presentations on our Great Gray Owl research to the role that rehabilitation plays in raptor conservation, this series is an opportunity for the public to learn more about the work we do. We will also offer children’s programs each month. These interactive experiences are designed for learners 12 and under as well as their families. We look forward to continuing many of our outreach programs throughout the community. The best conservation happens when it’s accessible to everyone, and these programs will provide new opportunities to learn, participate, and be part of the future of raptor conservation.

Winter/Spring 2024 Program Highlights

AVIAN EXPERIENCE

An hour-long up-close, live bird learning experience. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 2 p.m.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

An hour-long kid and family-friendly program where you will meet live birds and participate in a fun, educational activity. Designed for kids under 12 years.

Please visit tetonraptorcenter.org/programs to book and explore additional programs and our summer schedule.

Professional Training for the Avian Care Team

In December, the team experienced an invaluable professional development opportunity with a visit from professional bird trainer, Hillary Hankey. Hillary is considered one of the top bird trainers in the world and spent a week with the avian care team and the Avian Ambassadors, working daily on developing training goals and helping to increase the skills of our staff. From training new behaviors to updating enclosures for increased welfare, her mentorship has paid off and under her tutelage our public-facing Avian Ambassadors are more confident and resilient than ever before. We hope to have her return in 2024 as we onboard our newest ambassadors and continue to be at the forefront of training and welfare. This opportunity was paid for in part by an anonymous donor who sponsored last year’s education wish list. Thank you!



The Avian Care Team in front of the Flight Barn during an onsite workshop with professional bird trainer, Hillary Hankey, Avian Behavior International, ©TRC staff.

Education by the Numbers: FY 22-23

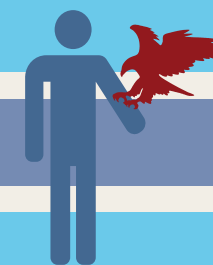
(June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023)

Onsite Programs: **198**

Offsite Programs: **314**

Total Programs: **512**

Total Participants: **29,885**



Education Wishlist

Your contribution helps provide live raptor learning experiences year-round!

\$35,000 BIG WISH Sponsor a year-long education internship

\$15,000 Prepare new avian specimens for the Learning Lab

\$10,000 Invest in professional development for avian trainers and educators

\$3,500 Upgrade our Avian Ambassador management database

\$2,000 Outfit our Learning Lab with art supplies

\$700 Replenish our turf roll supply for bird perches

\$500 Supply programming gloves and essential tools

\$250 Enhance avian engagement with enrichment items



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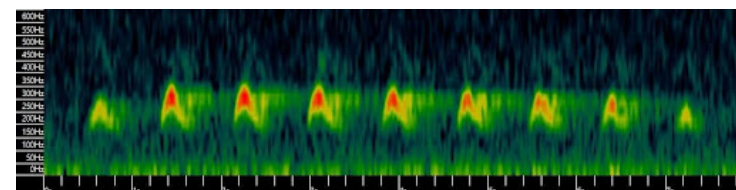
Identifying Individual Great Gray Owls Using Bioacoustics

When it comes to wildlife conservation, addressing many ecological questions can depend on the ability to identify unique individuals in a population. Tracking individuals allows us to gain information about their movements, habitat needs, survival rates, and population dynamics. In raptor research, we typically use unique bands or transmitters to identify particular birds, which requires capturing and handling the birds. However, as the world of bioacoustics and AI technology evolves, researchers have recently begun to determine that vocalizations may also be used to differentiate between individuals for many species of wildlife, just like we can with people.

As part of our decade-long research on Great Gray Owls in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, our team has collected hundreds of thousands of hours of recordings of owls to document nesting habits of these elusive raptors. Having cataloged thousands of owls calls, the team was in a unique position to see if we could use their territorial calls to distinguish individual Great Gray Owls, and more importantly, to develop automated methods to do it. Initially, we used a subset of owl calls recorded on our SoundScout autonomous recording units

(made by our research team) deployed across multiple years in 14 different territories to determine if identifying individuals by their “vocal fingerprint” was even possible. After years of trial and error, the initial results looked very promising.

In the end, we found an automated method, called Mel-frequency cepstral coefficients (MFCCs), that was able to identify individuals accurately, a whopping 98% of the time! This method can quickly and efficiently map multiple individual characteristics of each owl’s territorial call, a process that took a monumental amount of time to do manually. Now that we have determined both the “if” and “how” to identify individual owls, our next step is to use recordings from across the entire study and dozens of territories to identify more individual Great Gray Owls. By developing and using this new audio analysis method, we will be able to learn more about the movements, survival, and population dynamics of Great Gray Owls without capturing and banding individuals!



A spectrogram of Great Gray Owl territorial call used to identify unique individuals, ©TRC staff.



An adult Great Gray Owl perched, ©TRC staff.

Graduate Student Takes Flight!

Teton Raptor Center not only supports the birds – we support our people too! One of our priorities is helping our staff continue to grow and develop professionally. A key way we do that is by encouraging our employees to pursue graduate education. Recently, TRC has collaborated with three graduate students on raptor research in the Rocky Mountain West. We are proud to announce that one of those students, Katherine Gura, successfully defended and completed her Ph.D. in Ecology at the University of Wyoming this past May. Formerly a biologist at TRC, Katherine expanded upon our Great Gray Owl research for her dissertation, including conducting groundbreaking work on this owl’s movement ecology. Katherine is now the Associate Research Director at TRC, and we are thrilled at the knowledge and expertise she brings to our conservation department as we work to keep wild birds wild.



Katherine Gura with a recently tagged Great Gray Owl, ©TRC staff.

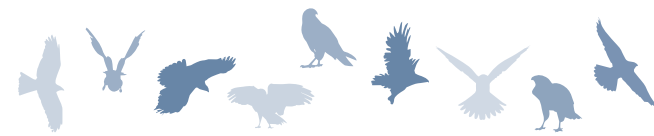
Research Wishlist

Your donation can help us get into the field to study raptors!

- \$35,000** **BIG WISH** Sponsor the world’s next top raptor expert (support a *research intern*).
- \$15,000** Migration Hero! Help cover the costs of our fall raptor migration monitoring.
- \$12,500** Yup, same as every year: *Tracking transmitters* because we can’t just ask the birds where they go. 5 @ \$2500
- \$5,000** Complete our transition to the latest (lighter, safer) *audio recorders*. We need 10 more at \$500 each.
- \$2,500** *Camera/lens* and gear to get all those amazing raptor photos for next year’s Flight Log (and data, of course)!
- \$1,000** Help us spread the word! Did you know we pay to *publish research articles*?
- \$500** We need machine learning and AI too. Sounds like buzzwords, but we really use complicated mapping and *audio analysis software*.
- \$75** A *tank of gas* is easier than walking those miles (yes: boring but essential).



Rehabilitation



A Spectrum of Species Admitted to TRC's Clinic

Throughout last fiscal year, we continued seeing strong species diversity, with 20 different raptor species coming through our clinic doors. We admitted several unexpected species such as a Burrowing Owl, Ferruginous Hawks, American Goshawks (formerly known as Northern Goshawks), Northern Harriers, and Rough-legged Hawks. While these species aren't necessarily uncommon, they are elusive and difficult to find in the wild. Throughout this same time period, we admitted 18 Bald and Golden Eagles. This marks our highest eagle admission period to date.

A few of the raptor patients recovering in the Clinic. From right to left, top to bottom, an American Goshawk, Golden Eagle, Northern Harrier, Long-eared Owl, Red-tailed Hawk, and Golden Eagle, ©TRC Staff.



Conservation Intern Georgia Coleman and Board Member Stew Harvey feed a Golden Eagle patient. ©TRC staff.

Tracking Rehab Patients Post-Release Yields Valuable Knowledge

Tracking fauna has always been a vital aspect of wildlife conservation and management. The last several decades have seen exponential development in both the equipment and utilization of this methodology. TRC's research team has been employing satellite transmitters to aid in ongoing studies for many years. Recently we deployed several GPS transmitters on select patients that have been rehabilitated and returned to the wild.

Golden Eagle patient "GOEA 11.8.18" came into our clinic in 2018 after being struck by a vehicle. Upon initial exam, clinic staff noted lead fragments in its digestive system and a loss of motor function in its talons; often a sign of lead toxicosis. After analyzing the patient's blood, it was determined that the eagle had a clinical blood lead level (greater than 60 µg/dL), a factor that may have contributed to the bird getting struck by the vehicle. After successful chelation therapy – removing the lead from the blood – TRC released this eagle on April 19th, 2019 with a GPS transmitter. Since then, our team has received 1,556 days of data and over 12,000 transmitted locations. Not only does this provide our center with a wealth of information regarding eagle movements and habitat selection throughout the year, it also can advance our understanding of treatments for injured raptors and their success rates after returning to the wild. Previously, the post-release success of injured raptors has been understudied. TRC is looking to advance our understanding in the field by investigating the survivability of raptors treated by rehabilitation centers through the use of GPS transmitters. Our team aims to utilize this technology to also examine the release success of species and individuals with injuries historically deemed as unreleasable. We believe this is an achievable, albeit lofty goal as a single GPS transmitter unit costs around \$4,000, making it one of the most significant asks on our wishlist!

Patient Highlight

After spending time in the ICU and getting stronger, Swainson's Hawk 5.15.23 was eventually moved to a larger enclosure where he could be more mobile. His flight appeared to be strong and steady while watching him on a remote camera in his enclosure. Everything changed after a failed attempt to fly to a different perch in his enclosure. To the staff's horror, the bird had somehow luxated (dislocated) his shoulder. Shoulder luxations are an unfortunate diagnosis with a grave prognosis, since they typically cannot be corrected as they continue to re-luxate, preventing flight. Luckily, staff caught this injury within minutes and an attempt to put the shoulder back into place under anesthesia was made despite the discouraging odds. When a luxation is uncomplicated, diagnosed early, and treated immediately, the prognosis still ranges from guarded to poor. The hawk was on cage rest for two weeks in a wrap that immobilized the movement of his injured wing. After two weeks of healing in the wrap, new x-rays confirmed that the shoulder remained in the joint when the bird moved and flapped his wings. After another two weeks in the ICU, he was finally able to move to a larger enclosure where his flight was tested. He spent two weeks in our large flight barn where he proved he could fly and hunt with agility, speed and precision. He was released back into the wild on June 29, 2023.



Swainson's Hawk 5.15.23, ©TRC staff.

Rehabilitation by the Numbers: FY 22-23

(June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023)

Total Admissions: **168**

Survival Rate (24 hrs+): **60%**

Total Birds Released: **42**

Total Raptor Species: **20**

Most Common Species: **Great Horned Owl (24)**

Wyoming Birds: **97**; Idaho Birds: **71**

Rehab Wishlist

- \$20,000** **BIG WISH** What is the impact of rehabbing raptors? Sponsor five satellite transmitters to track five post-release patients' success in the wild at \$4,000 each.
- \$9,900** Baby birds make poor choices... help us get fallen chicks reunited with parents in the nest with *boom lift rentals*. We promise to remove any trash used as nesting material while we're up there.
- \$8,500** Help us avoid contaminants! Surgical equipment must be sterilized in an *autoclave* before each bird goes under the knife.
- \$5,000** Hydrate or die! Did you know the average body temperature of a raptor is around 104°F? *Fluid warmers* save lives.
- \$3,000** No more pen on paper in this digital world. A *touch screen display* for our patient board is much more efficient.
- \$1,500** We spend a lot of time with our faces buried in a *microscope* to analyze blood work or fecal samples. Did you know our current microscope isn't actually rated for clinical diagnostics?
- \$700** *Turf roll* to keep those feet looking flawless on perches.

Raptor Rescue Network



Valerie Page, Raptor Rescue Network volunteer pilot gets ready to transport a Golden Eagle to TRC from the Johnson County Airport. ©Zach Turbill.

The Raptor Rescue Network (RRN) aims to connect the finders of injured raptors and corvids with a volunteer driver or pilot to transport them to care whether it be at TRC or another wildlife rehabilitation center. These volunteers transport birds from all across the states of Wyoming and Idaho and collectively log thousands of miles annually. This year, we want to highlight Valerie Page as a special addition to the RRN. Valerie transports injured birds to and from TRC via her small airplane — turning what could be an eight-hour round trip drive into a quick one-hour flight instead. Valerie has transported a diversity of species to TRC such as eagles, hawks, and owls. The sooner an injured bird can get medical attention, the better their chances are of returning to the wild. Having pilots as part of our RRN has been an integral part of our work, and we are grateful to have such skilled and dedicated volunteers to help keep wild birds wild.



Zach Turbill of Wyoming Game and Fish helps with the transport of a Golden Eagle. ©Valerie Page.

Raptor Rescue Network by the Numbers: FY 22-23

(June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023)

Total Rescues: **84**

Roundtrip Miles: **18,386**

Roundtrip Hours: **320**



Did You Know?

We currently have **136 RRN** volunteers who help transport birds across Wyoming and Idaho.

Staff & Interns

Interns

Teton Raptor Center offers year-long internship opportunities with housing on our campus. These immersive learning experiences give interns an opportunity to deeply explore education, research, and rehabilitation, as well as gain understanding and experience in the operations, administration, and communications of a vibrant nonprofit organization. Meet our 2023 interns:



Julie Calandrella, Conservation Intern

Memorable experience: Trapping Golden Eagles during the migration season.

Next steps: I plan to look for opportunities in field research or wildlife rehabilitation.

Favorite raptors: There are so many raptor species that I love, but my favorite right now is the Northern Saw-whet Owl.

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Georgia Coleman, Conservation Intern

Memorable experience: Some of my highlights have been monitoring Great Gray Owl nests and watching the nestlings grow up, doing an aerial survey over Ferruginous Hawk nesting territories, and watching over 100 Golden Eagles migrate past our trapping site in one day!

Next steps: After I am done with my internship, I plan to travel and apply to wildlife technician positions and graduate school.

Favorite raptors: My favorite TRC ambassador is Manzanita and my favorite wild raptors are grassland species, including Ferruginous Hawks and Short-eared Owls.

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Charlotte Schmalz, Education Intern

Memorable experience: During an offsite program meeting someone from Argentina while Pava was on my glove, and making that international connection when they learned that Swainson's Hawks migrate to where they live back home. Seeing that spark in people when they get inspired is one of the most rewarding parts about doing education.

Next steps: I plan to continue doing environmental education and working with birds, hopefully as a full-time permanent job.

Favorite raptors: American Kestrel, and I do love working with Pava and Manzanita. Aura is also such a cool bird, I'm glad we added her to the team.

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New Staff



Kimberly Andrae, Development Associate

Kimberly grew up running barefoot in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada and could always be found exploring outside. Today, she brings her passion for the outdoors and wildlife into our new Headquarters and Nature Shop supporting fundraising, administration, and a great guest experience in the Hardeman Barn.

Favorite Raptor: Great Horned Owl

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Dr. Salene Freeman, DVM, Veterinarian

Salene developed an appreciation and passion for wildlife at a young age growing up near Everglades National Park in southwest Florida. She began volunteering with Teton Raptor Center in 2017 and quickly found a passion for avian rehabilitation, conservation, research, and medicine. She received her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) from Oregon State University in 2023 and now serves as TRC's first part-time staff veterinarian.

Favorite Raptor: Turkey Vulture

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Sol Griffith, Sporting Lead-Free Wyoming Outreach Coordinator

Sol was born and raised in the small town of Encampment, Wyoming, where he developed a passion for the outdoors. He is an avid hunter and fly fisherman who is able to share his passion for the outdoors by educating others about the benefits of sporting lead-free as our Wyoming Outreach Coordinator.

Favorite Raptor: American Kestrel

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Dylan Sanborn, Avian Care Tech

Dylan grew up in the front range of Colorado and has always been fascinated with nature, wildlife, and hiking. As our newest avian care technician, he provides critical care for our patients and Avian Ambassadors, along with delivering programs.

Favorite Raptor: Peregrine Falcon

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Interested in an **internship at TRC**? Visit: tetonraptorcenter.org/join-our-team
Learn more about our **talented team**: tetonraptorcenter.org/our-team

Site Improvements



South end of campus, ©The Kubala Washatko Architects.

Grounded in History, Soaring into the Future!

Campus Improvements Complete

Coincident with the summer solstice, Teton Raptor Center officially opened the doors to the beautifully renovated, historic Moseley/Hardeman Barn as the venue for our year-round conservation programming. The barn was originally owned by aviator Major C.C. Moseley, and was built between 1940-1942 by Wesley Bircher. The windproof Gothic-arch structure is an icon of Wilson. Between 1956-1989, the Hardeman family utilized this barn and others for their prized Hereford operation. In 1989, through a community-wide fundraising effort spearheaded by the Jackson Hole Land Trust, the 137-acre ranch was permanently protected and placed under conservation easement.

Teton Raptor Center began leasing two buildings on the ranch in late 2008 and in April 2017, Teton Raptor Center purchased the 27-acre parcel with the barn. From that point forward, TRC has worked diligently to continue all of our raptor conservation efforts through education, research, and rehabilitation, while also embarking on a \$12 million site improvement project that includes a state-of-the-art rehabilitation clinic for injured, ill, and

orphaned raptors, a flight barn that accelerates raptor patient recovery by allowing birds to exercise and build stamina before returning to the wild, and "The Roost," a home for our Avian Ambassadors. TRC also restored the historic horse barn as a home for our research team and Sporting Lead-Free initiative. Another transformative component of the overall project was the creation of workforce housing.

The final chapter of this campus improvement was all about community, conservation, and collaboration to create a space for learning to occur year-round. The adaptive re-use of the Moseley/Hardeman Barn signifies a bright future for raptor conservation. The space includes a Learning Lab, Nature Shop, program office, and a soaring loft for live raptor programs. We invite you to join us in these new spaces, as we stay grounded in history and soar into the future!

Teton Raptor Center's board and staff extend a warm welcome to the completed campus, ©Jonathan Selkowitz.



Campus Biodiversity & Sustainability

Improvements across the campus have been inspired by our sustainability goals and our commitment to the health of the natural world. Two keen examples of these efforts are our three solar arrays — 107 modules producing 57,000 kWh of power annually. Solar panels can be found on the housing units, Headquarters building, and our outdoor programming venue, the Solar Pavilion. Having the sun supply energy to the campus is helping to avoid over 81,000 pounds of carbon dioxide being emitted to the atmosphere (this is equivalent to the CO2 emissions from 4,173 gallons of gasoline).

With support from the Teton Conservation District, we installed a variety of native plants in the flowerbeds surrounding our Headquarters and Conservation Barn. Phoebe Coburn, TRC board member, spent countless volunteer hours planning irrigation and compost quantities, and researching and sourcing over 470 native plant seedlings, carefully chosen from Piney Island Native Plants in Sheridan, Wyoming. In our garden, you'll discover over 20 thoughtfully selected native plant species, showcasing the beauty and diversity of our surroundings. We enjoyed watching the plants grow and flourish on campus this summer, while conserving water and attracting pollinators. We hope the garden will inspire and educate visitors on the possibilities and benefits of native landscaping.



Solar Pavilion, ©The Kubala Washatko Architects.



Teton Raptor Center has 107 solar modules that produce 57,000 kWh of power, avoiding 81,756 pounds of carbon dioxide production.

Project Timeline



2017 Purchased the 27-acre Hardeman Ranch



2019 Stabilized the Moseley/Hardeman Barn and built East Shed



2021 Restored the historic Horse Barn for our research team and created two units of workforce housing



2023 Opened the doors to the future of raptor conservation in the Moseley/Hardeman Barn and outside Solar Pavilion

2018 Acquired Teton County permissions and began infrastructure

2020 Created Bird Buildings: Clinic, Roost, and Flight Barn

2022 Built the Headquarters



2017-2018, ©TRC staff.

2019, ©Teton Gravity Research.

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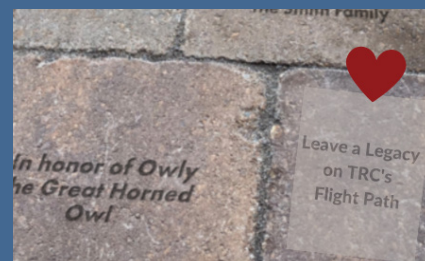
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Leave a Legacy on TRC's Flight Path

You can leave a permanent legacy for raptor conservation by sponsoring an engraved paver on Teton Raptor Center's Flight Path. The opportunity to purchase a paver will run through December 31, 2023. See the back cover to learn more!

TRC's New Nature Shop!

With the completion of the Hardeman Barn restoration project, we were pleased to open our new nature shop this summer. The shop is a haven for raptor enthusiasts and eco-conscious individuals alike. We're committed to offering you a curated selection of products that celebrate the diversity and magnificence of the natural world.



Product Highlights

Eco-friendly products, local artisans, and popular gifts such as custom TRC apparel, greeting cards, kids books, Annie Band Jewelry and Liberty Puzzles for bird lovers in your life!

Kids Books

Kids are naturally drawn to birds! We've got you covered with a diverse selection of raptor and bird themed books for kids of all ages.

Annie Band Jewelry

One-of-a-kind silver and bronze necklaces, earrings and bracelets made from molds of some of our Avian Ambassadors' feathers! Annie Band is a local Jackson Hole jewelry artist whose wildlife biology background and creative writing influences all her designs. Using a mix of metal, clay, casting and forging her designs sparkle with recycled metals and a spiritual message, inspiration, or quote.

Liberty Puzzles

Hand-crafted heirloom-quality wooden puzzles in the shape of an osprey, hawk or owl. Puzzle pieces are 1/4" thick and uniquely cut in the shape of animals or whimsical designs. Lost pieces can even be replaced! Made in Boulder, Colorado.



Mission and Values

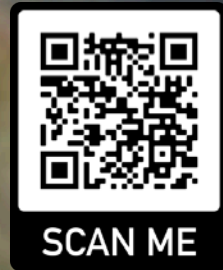
Our mission is simple: Inspire a deeper connection to nature and promote sustainable living. Every purchase supports our vital conservation work!

Location, Hours, Contact Details

Join us in celebrating the beauty of nature and raptors. Visit our shop at 5450 W Hwy 22 in Wilson, WY, or order online at tetonraptorcenter.square.site. Visit our website for our seasonal hours. Subscribe to our newsletter to stay updated on new arrivals and exclusive offers.



Poo-Poo Project Pushes for 20,000 Screens



Every year, thousands of cavity-nesting birds and mammals become entrapped in vertical pipes, such as ventilation pipes. Vault toilets found in many of America's wild areas feature a 12-inch diameter ventilation pipe that mimics the natural cavities preferred by various bird species. Once a bird enters the ventilation pipe, it can easily become entrapped and often succumbs to starvation, dehydration, or disease. TRC began working with federal, regional, and state agencies in 2010 to screen vault toilet ventilation pipes. Our affordable screens are durable, easy to install, and provide superior ventilation. Since 2013, we have distributed 19,602 screens! Help us get to 20,000 screens by sponsoring a screen for \$45.

Manzana the Barn Owl perches atop a Poo-Poo screen, ©TRC staff.



Barn owl being cleaned off after being removed from a vault toilet, ©WERC (Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation Center).

By the Numbers: FY 22-23

(June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023)

731 Screens Distributed

456 Screens Sponsored

Wishlist

\$17,910 or 398 more Poo-Poo Screen BIG WISH Sponsors to help us reach 20,000 screens deployed!

\$400 for five bundles of shipping boxes — help defray shipping costs!

\$50 for a box of tape rolls (36 rolls)



Sporting Lead-Free

New Partners, New Look & National Expansion!

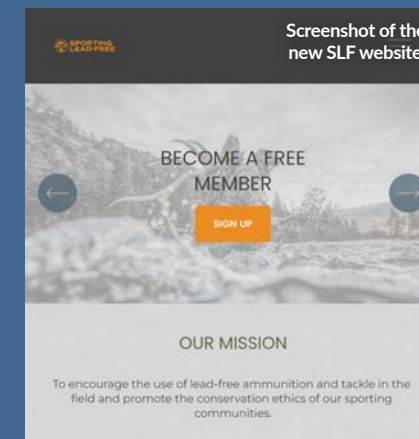
Building upon our successful outreach model in Wyoming, we are actively working to spread SLF across the nation! We are thrilled about our expanding members, ambassadors, and organizational partners and field requests for more engagement from across the US almost daily.

The SLF team continues to educate hunters and anglers about the benefits of using lead-free for raptors, reaching more than 22,000 people at over 65 events so far. We continue to provide lead-free tackle at kids fishing days across Wyoming, scan game meat to ensure families receive clean meat, and grow our community and network across the US!

This year, SLF went through a full rebrand. We wanted to reflect our holistic approach, connection to raptors, and create a look and feel that embodies our community. We also built a whole new website to ensure all the important lead-free resources are at your fingertips. Check it out: sportingleadfree.org.



Lead-free tackle ready to give out at Kids Fishing Day, ©TRC staff.

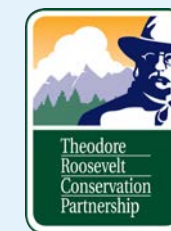


Screenshot of the new SLF website.



The SLF team! From left to right: Sol, Hannah, Bryan, ©TRC staff.

Growing Our Conservation Partnerships



Presentation for VINS

In April 2023, Education Coordinator Anna Tobin did a virtual presentation on the Poo-Poo Project for the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) during their Owl Fest. This day-long festival focuses on owl conservation and is well attended by the public. Anna presented on the Poo-Poo Project's history, operations, and goals. While Vermont does have Poo-Poo screens, TRC only has two partner organizations with a total of 20 screens in the state. Our goal is to spread awareness of the Poo-Poo project in areas where there is the potential for many more vault toilets to be screened.



Volunteers



Sue Ernisse with enrichment for Avian Ambassadors. ©TRC staff.

Volunteering Throughout TRC

A Decade of Dedication

Sue Ernisse started volunteering with TRC on January 21, 2014. Originally, she was drawn to TRC when a switch was flipped immediately after she saw her first Red-tailed Hawk take off from the top of a tall conifer tree. She attended a program in 2012 and was completely hooked! Sue found her niche in programming because she loves talking about raptors and educating people. Sue gives her time and talent in every area of our work, including administrative projects, education programming, raptor rescues and releases, rehabilitation, research, and most recently creating Avian Ambassador enrichment. Every year since she joined TRC as an ambassador, she has joined Talon Society, which means she has donated at least 100 hours of service in a calendar year. Sue has donated 3,486 hours of service throughout the decade, but more importantly she has shared in the joy and passion for TRC.

As we take a look back on her years of service, we reflect on some special memories, accomplishments, and stories. In 2014, Sue recalls the first time she had a raptor on glove. That special raptor was our Great Horned Owl, Owly, the matriarch of TRC's Avian Ambassadors. Throughout the years, Sue enjoyed educating with Hunter, TRC's second Peregrine Falcon, helping people to discover the wonder of falcons. Another fond memory was admitting the oldest known Bald Eagle (west of the Mississippi) to our clinic. Sue states, "It was amazing being in her presence and helping to care for her." And, one of the most challenging and rewarding moments at TRC was when we rehabbed 19 baby Barn Owls at one time, all of different sizes and ages. When asked if she thought she would be here 10 years later, Sue said, "I knew from day one that I was in it for the long haul!" Despite being a presence for 10 years, Sue still learns something new every day! She advises all new TRC volunteers to "bring your whole heart and soul with you to every shift."



Did You Know?

Volunteer hours donated during the FY 22-23 equates to \$234,684.00 based on the 2022 value of a volunteer hour.

City Kids Wilderness Project Partnership

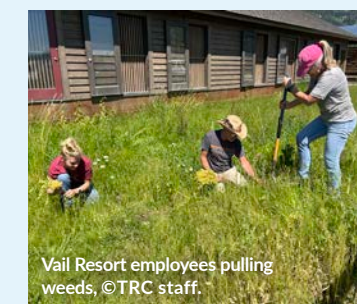
Since 2014, Teton Raptor Center has partnered with City Kids Wilderness Project, a nonprofit organization based out of Washington D.C. City Kids allows opportunities for youth to engage in career exploration and job training while visiting Jackson Hole. In July, we were fortunate to host a Job Experience Training (JET) Intern. Our intern, Esther, was assigned to us for her interest in working with wildlife. Esther started by shadowing our staff within the clinic and the Roost to observe husbandry for all birds. She learned about raptor diets, cleaning, and training with our ambassador birds. Eventually, she had the opportunity to hold an orphaned baby kestrel patient and observe a raven rescue! During her week with us, Esther gained valuable experience and discovered career opportunities in the world of wildlife conservation and rehabilitation.



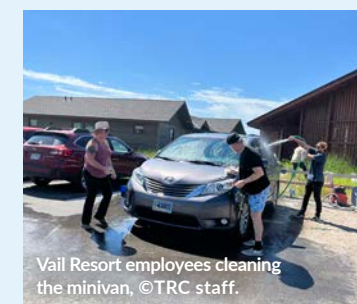
Esther holding an American Kestrel patient. ©TRC staff.



Stio employees with bags of pulled weeds. ©TRC staff.



Vail Resort employees pulling weeds. ©TRC staff.



Vail Resort employees cleaning the minivan. ©TRC staff.

It Takes a Village

Throughout the summer season, we welcome larger groups that express interest in service projects with us. Between June and August, we hosted four large groups of community members looking to support a local nonprofit through volunteerism. Groups typically range from four to 12 people and last two to four hours for one day. We hosted groups from Vail Resorts, Stio and Lower Valley Energy that helped us tidy our campus, pull weeds, deep clean buildings, spruce up our fleet vehicles, and move sand into bird enclosures. These tasks may not be the most exciting opportunities we offer, but the groups completed the tasks with smiles and laughter.

If you are a local individual or group interested in volunteering, please reach out to volunteers@tetonraptorcenter.org.

TRC's Founding Family



Early photo of Roger and Margaret. ©David Gonzales.

In 2020, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of RaptorFest in the midst of the pandemic. In our best effort to play it safe, we went to the airwaves to celebrate birds of prey, featuring an interview with Teton Raptor Center's founding family. As we mark the opening of TRC's campus this year, we thought you'd enjoy this reflection on Teton Raptor Center's origin story, featuring TRC co-founders Roger Smith and Margaret Creel, interviewed by their son, Creel Smith.

CREEL: Tell us how the idea for the Teton Raptor Center began.

ROGER: We have to go back to the early 90s, doing my graduate work in Grand Teton National Park on raptors. One of the biologists there had an injured Great Horned Owl. I was in the research mode and then working with that bird to help it get back to the wild opened my eyes to how these birds are interacting with the human built environment and it gave me a whole new thought process on conservation of these birds. That started Margaret and I thinking something needs to be done. Something could be done.

MARGARET: I was in graduate school in museum studies, and I ended up doing my Master's project on developing an educational trunk for the National Museum of Wildlife Art called "Seize the Prey," looking at the birds of prey of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. That played into this idea that the education about raptors was something that was necessary for all ages.

CREEL: Why did you feel that this work was so important and needed in Jackson Hole?

MARGARET: We're living here in this incredible ecosystem, which is rich with species. There are all kinds of human-wildlife interactions where raptors hit windows, they hit cars, and there was no one locally that was taking care of those birds.

CREEL: What have you been most surprised about and proud of as you've watched the Raptor Center grow over the years?

ROGER: Seeing the growth in community involvement.

CREEL: What are you most excited about when you think about the future of raptor conservation?

ROGER: I'm most excited to continue the hard work that we do. We've created this three pillar approach to conservation – education, research, and rehabilitation. The pillars feed off of one another and they're all relying on one another. And I think that's the future.

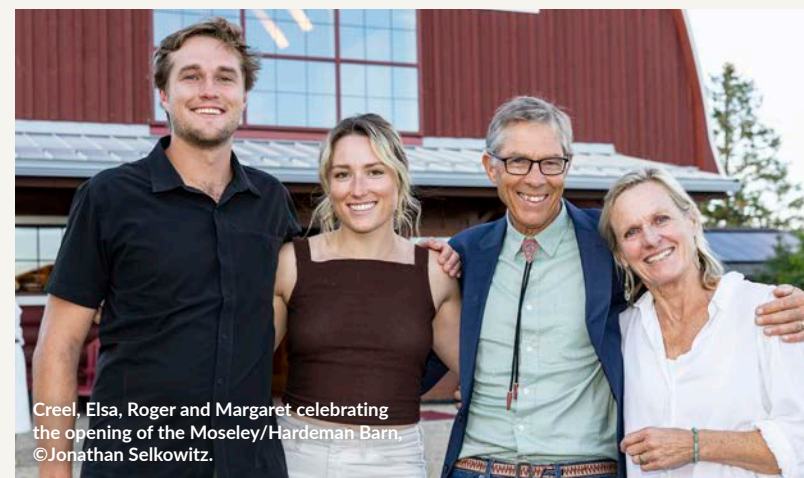
MARGARET: I can think of the beginning years where we had Owly the Great Horned Owl in our living room, and I would thaw out rodents and quail. Now, in seeing this incredible organization that to me exemplifies what a nonprofit organization does when it has great people that are part of it and who believe in the mission of the organization.

ROGER: I have to add, I remember you just rummaging through the freezer looking for ice cream and you're like, "Dad, when are we going to get rid of all these mice and these birds and these dead things? I just want some ice cream."

MARGARET: Is there anything particular that comes to mind when you think about growing up with raptors in our house?

CREEL: It was a once-in-a-lifetime type opportunity and an incredible experience. I remember it as a grassroots thing growing up where we had birds on tethers out in our backyard. You'd bring friends over and there'd be this Great Horned Owl in your living room and they were sort of baffled. I knew they were cool, but now I want to know more about them and I want to do something to help them.

To listen to the full interview visit <https://tetonraptorcenter.org/our-story/>



Creel, Elsa, Roger and Margaret celebrating the opening of the Moseley/Hardeman Barn. ©Jonathan Selkowitz.



Owly

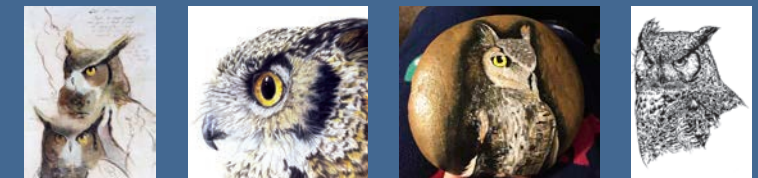
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TRC's founding family also included a very special raptor. Owly the Great Horned Owl was TRC's first Avian Ambassador, arriving at the home of Roger Smith and Margaret Creel in the early fall of 2002 with a broken wing. Owly has since been a staple at TRC, participating in **3,142 programs** with **145,039 participants**. Professionally photographed, painted by local artists, sketched by students, sculpted in clay by preschoolers, Owly has been an inspiration to many. As Roger Smith, TRC co-founder and Owly's original caretaker has said many times, "there are few wilder places on the planet than looking into the depths of Owly's eyes." Owly gave many a window into the wild world of owls, and her impact on raptor conservation is immeasurable.

At 21 years old, Owly, TRC's matriarch Great Horned Owl, was humanely euthanized in October, due to concerns over her quality of life. It has been an honor to witness the profound impact this one bird has had on opening hearts and minds to the wonder of raptors and the natural world. As just one example of Owly's impact, we share this story from former TRC staff member Sammy Douville: "I first met Owly when I was in kindergarten. Roger Smith brought in some local wild birds to teach us all about amazing birds, and with him was a six-month old Great Horned Owl named Owly. I still remember watching her beautiful yellow eyes staring down at me and my classmates as Mr. Smith walked her around the classroom. When my mom picked me up after school and asked "how was your day?" I told her all about Owly. As I grew up I would have the honor of attending more raptor programs offered throughout town, and every time I would be so excited to see the bird that started my avian interest:



Sammy Douville with Owly the Great Horned Owl and some of her Avian Ambassador-inspired art. ©TRC staff.



Owly. By the time I had graduated high school I was thinking about possible careers and considering what I wanted to study in college. I originally wanted to pursue a career in music. However, after a summer of volunteering at TRC I knew that avian conservation was my true passion, and I switched my university and major to prepare for a future with raptors. During the summer of 2018 I returned to TRC as their education intern where I got to work with Owly, 16 years after our first introduction. Owly will always hold a special place in my heart, and I consider myself extremely lucky to have worked with such an inspirational bird."

"There are few wilder places on the planet than looking into the depths of Owly's eyes."

— Roger Smith, Co-founder, Teton Raptor Center

To celebrate Owly's influential and exquisite life as an Avian Ambassador, we encourage you to share memories, stories, and images of Owly by sending them to raptors@tetonraptorcenter.org. Additionally, inspired by Owly's legacy, we have established "The Owly Fund", which will support the care and training of current and future Avian Ambassadors. We invite you to consider a gift to The Owly Fund this year by noting that on your check or online contribution.

Owly-inspired art above by (L to R): Shannon Troxler Thal, Edie Walker, Sammy Douville, Emily Poole.



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— Tracey O., "Raptor Adventure," Tripadvisor, June 2023

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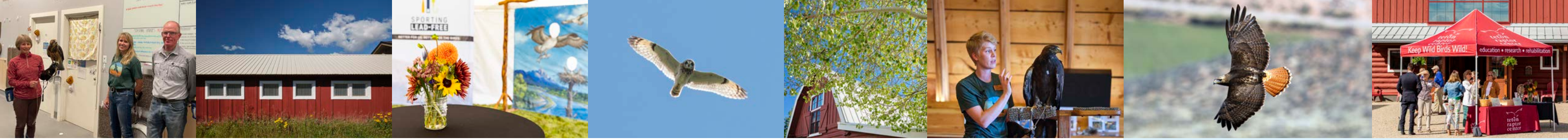
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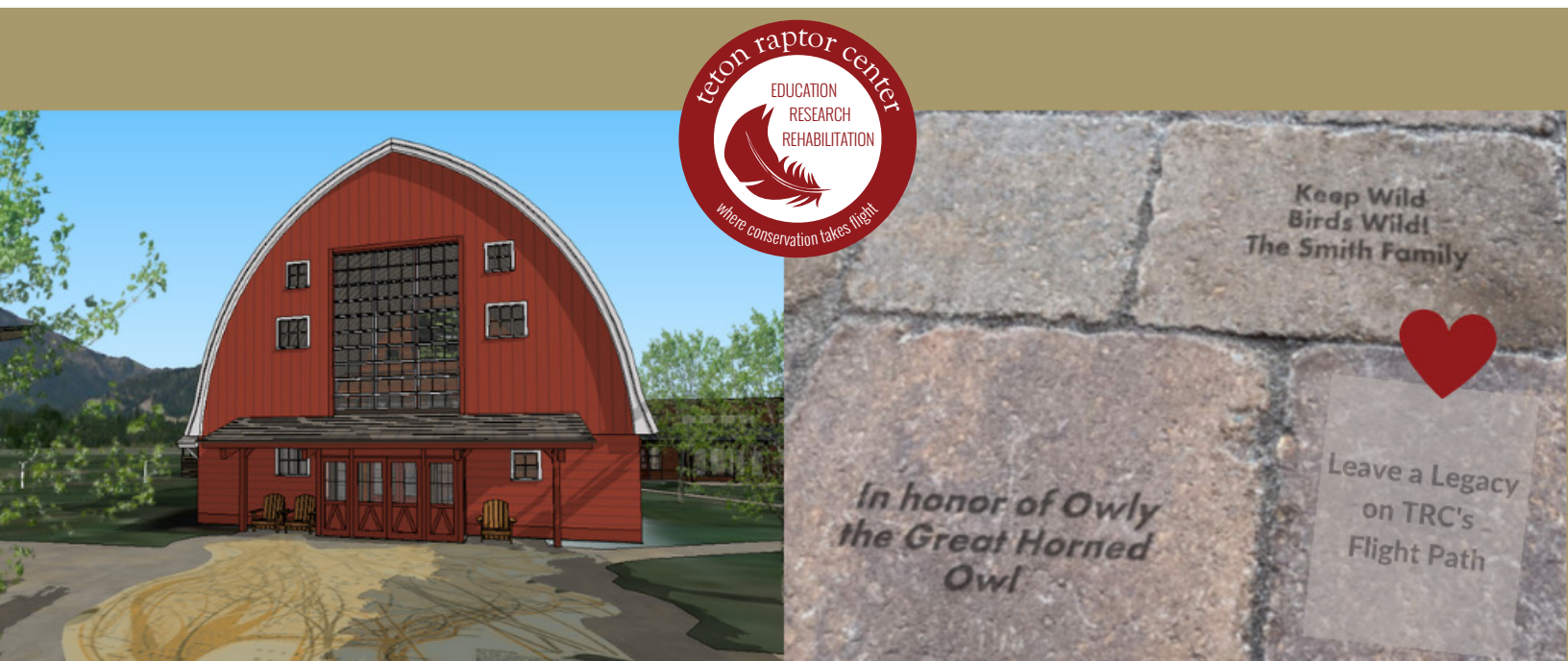
This was such a great experience! We attended with our 8yo daughter, who has always been interested in wildlife. Days later, with a lot of other experiences behind us, she is still raving about the avian experience. The presentation had the perfect balance of interaction and education. The birds were really cool and had their own unfortunate stories with better than average endings thanks to the raptor center. While they rightfully took a short time to mention some of the current initiatives, at no point did I feel they preyed on the audience for donations, which I'm sure everyone appreciated. With that said, I'm not sure how one could walk out without some form of contribution given the positive attitudes and passion of the staff. The facility is new and very clean. It was a great experience and we will always recommend it to anyone visiting the area. Our daughter was even talking it up to our fishing guide who knew nothing about it :)



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