



## **CITY WILDLIFE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

**City Wildlife's mission is to assist wildlife in the District of Columbia and surrounding areas through rehabilitation, release, and public education.**

# The Rehabilitation Center: Caring for Urban Wildlife



City Wildlife’s Rehabilitation Center cared for more than 1,500 sick, injured, and orphaned wild animals in 2023. Patients included wild birds – raptors, waterfowl, and songbirds – small mammals, and native reptiles and amphibians. Many were Species of Greatest Conservation Need in the District of Columbia. City Wildlife’s goal is to release healthy animals back to the wild. The Center, open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., is staffed by a full-time wildlife veterinarian and four skilled rehabilitation technicians.

At the center, the animals’ care is overseen by a veterinarian who specializes in treating wild animals and works in a modern surgical suite equipped with digital radiograph, blood analysis machines, surgical and anesthesia apparatuses, and a comprehensive veterinary pharmacy. As they recover or grow up in our care, the animals’ basic needs – housing, food, medicines, and enrichment – are met by licensed rehabilitators and trained animal care technicians. Their efforts are supplemented by scores of volunteers (some of whom are veterinarians) and interns.



In July 2023, a woman found a **Gray Treefrog** in the parking

lot of a grocery store in Northeast Washington and brought him to City Wildlife. The frog’s front leg was crushed and could not be saved. Our veterinarian amputated the limb, after which the frog was in recovery for about a month. Once we knew that he could function well without his leg, he was released in a great spot for treefrogs.

2023 Animal Intake: 1,469	
Waterfowl	86
Perching birds	876
Raptors	43
Other birds	39
Squirrels	264
Opossums	23
Eastern Cottontails	80
Other mammals	30
Reptiles & Amphibians	28
Species of Greatest Conservation Need	204

## Citizen Science Programs: Engaging the Public in Protecting Wildlife

### ***Lights Out DC***

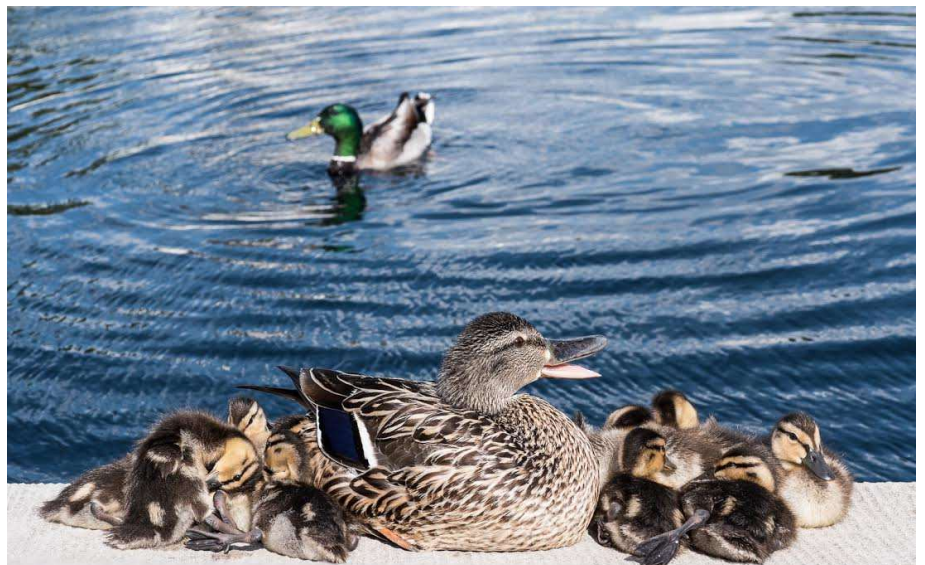


*Lights Out DC*, an all-volunteer citizen science program, works with the managers of buildings in Washington, DC, to reduce bird/glass collisions. During bird migration seasons, volunteers collect dead and injured birds – more than 5,700 since 2010 – that have hit glass, document these collisions, and make recommendations to building owners on reducing nighttime lighting and installing bird-safe features. Injured birds are taken to our Rehabilitation Center. Dead birds are donated for research. City Wildlife led efforts to pass a new

District of Columbia bill requiring bird-friendly windows and architectural design on most new and majorly renovated buildings. The bill was signed by the mayor in January 2023.

### ***Duck Watch***

*Duck Watch*, an all-volunteer program, assists people with urban waterfowl. Volunteers monitor nests, tell people how to protect nests, and help Mallard hens get their ducklings safely to water. When Mallard families are trapped on green roofs or in courtyards, volunteers capture them and transport them to water. In 2023, *Duck Watch* volunteers helped more than 700 ducklings stay with their mothers.



## Community Engagement and Advocacy



City Wildlife considers Public education is an essential part of City Wildlife’s mission, and every interaction with members of the public – at the rehabilitation center, by volunteers with Lights Out DC or Duck Watch, or over the telephone – offers a chance to educate and advocate for wildlife. The education work also happens through webinars, training sessions, public events, and the organization’s website and social media accounts.

In 2023, City Wildlife responded to 3,051 telephone calls and about two-thirds as many emails requesting information on helping wild animals and mitigating conflicts with wild animals in an effective and humane manner. In almost half of the cases, the problem the caller reported could be resolved over the telephone; the animal did not need to come to the center and could remain in the wild. Simply by having our phones answered by people knowledgeable in wild animals and their needs, City Wildlife nearly doubles the number of animals we help each year.

In the same year, City Wildlife offered practical and engaging webinars on such topics as coyotes in the District, saving local Eastern Box Turtles, birding in the area, and pollinator conservation. City Wildlife’s busy website and social media accounts showcased the work of our various programs, provided practical information on helping and living with wild animals, and promoted the enjoyment of wildlife and nature in the city. We posted four or five tiems a week.

This past year City Wildlife continued working with other environmental organizations – DC Audubon, Nature Forward, Ward 8 Woods, Anacostia Parks and Community Collaborative, DC Environmental Network, The American Bird Conservancy, and others – to safeguard the environment and preserve the District of Columbia’s open spaces and habitat. A major focus of this coalition in 2023 was preserving suitable wildlife habitat at the Rock Creek Park golf course.

## Financial Statement

In finances, accounting, and fundraising, as with animal care, City Wildlife embraces the highest standards.

- **Charity Navigator**, the world's largest and most-utilized independent charity evaluator, has given City Wildlife one of its highest ratings possible: 98 out of 100.
- **GuideStar**, the leading global source of information on nonprofit organizations has awarded City Wildlife platinum status, its highest rating.
- After a rigorous review process, the **Catalogue for Philanthropy of Greater Washington** selected City Wildlife to be one of the well-run nonprofits they recommend to donors as sound community investments.
- The **Washington City Paper** included City Wildlife in the list of organizations it recommends to its readers as worthy of support.

### Statement of Financial Position (FY2023)

Assets		
	Total current assets	463,732
	Property and equipment (equipment and leasehold improvements less accumulated depreciation)	16,130
	Other assets	51,683
	<b>Total assets</b>	<b>531,545</b>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
	Current liabilities	26,227
	Net assets	505,318
	<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>531,545</b>

### Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets (FY2023)

Support and Revenue		
	Contributions	571,196
	Government grants	200,000
	Donated stock	14,510
	Donated services and goods	8,420
	Special events	20,175
	Product sales – net	353
	Investment income	3,612
	Miscellaneous revenue	3
	<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b>818,990</b>
Expenses		
	Program services (Rehabilitation Center)	538,892
	Management and general	36,139
	Fundraising	37,756
	<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>612,787</b>
	Change in net assets	206,203
	Net assets at beginning of year	299,115
	<b>Net assets at end of year</b>	<b>505,318</b>

A complete audit, prepared by Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett, P.A., can be requested by writing to City Wildlife, PO Box 60078, Washington, DC 20039 or calling us at 202-882-1000. City Wildlife's IRS 990 is also available by request.

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