

How Can I Volunteer?

Volunteers are very important to us. Without their help, it would be difficult to continue to provide for the animals in our care. Volunteers help with wildlife rehabilitation, education programs, and the construction of general-purpose cages and bird nesting boxes.

Young people from 4 H clubs, home schools, and scouts looking for projects large and small are encouraged to participate in volunteer programs through MWR, Inc. The impact of a successful volunteer program is far-reaching, raising public awareness and educating the community regarding the preservation of nature for future generations.



House Finch Nestlings

**Become a
member of
MWR, Inc.
today!**

About Us

Mississippi Wildlife Rehabilitation, Inc. (MWR) was founded in 1995 to meet the increasing need for wildlife assistance in north Mississippi. MWR is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization assisting hundreds of injured and orphaned wild birds. MWR also offers a variety of education programs for community festivals, civic organizations, and thousands of school children annually.



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What is Wildlife Rehabilitation?

Wildlife rehabilitation involves caring for injured, ill, and orphaned wild animals with the ultimate goal of releasing them back into their natural habitat.

The Animal's Needs

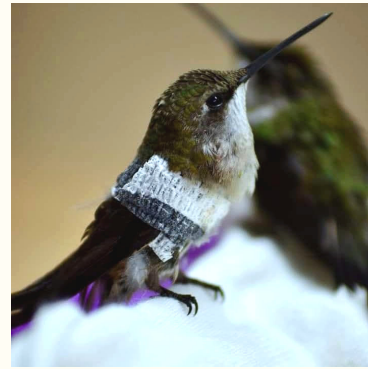
Each animal is examined, diagnosed, and treated through an individually tailored program of veterinary care, hospital care, feeding, medicating, physical therapy, exercise, and pre-release conditioning. Releases are planned for appropriate weather, season, habitat, and location. Some animals, of course, are beyond help when found and are humanely euthanized. Non-releasable animals occasionally serve as foster parents for orphaned babies or are used in education programs.



"Willow"
Mississippi Kite

Who Are Rehabilitators and Why Are They Necessary?

Permitted, trained rehabilitators are a valuable link in the network of people and organizations helping wildlife. In addition to returning animals to the wild, they are cooperating to reduce the negative human impact on wildlife and the environment. Some are involved in research, captive propagation, and reintroduction projects. Many are involved in public education, exposing both children and adults to biological facts, ecological concepts, and a responsible attitude toward all living things. Information from trained, conscientious rehabilitators can and should be used more often to assist in research, law-making and enforcement, population management, habitat preservation, public education programs, and species reintroduction.



Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Where Are These Animals Coming From?

Records indicate that the majority of injured, ill, and orphaned wild animals handled by rehabilitators are suffering, not because of "natural" occurrences, but because of human intervention. Some are injured accidentally, some intentionally, and many times injuries are preventable. Causes include autos, trains, mowers, power lines, firearms, traps, picture windows, poisons, oil spills, outdoor pets, etc. Rehabilitators ease the suffering of these animals by caring for them until they can be released or by humanely euthanizing them.

Become a Wildlife Volunteer!

We are looking for volunteers in the following positions:

- Animal Rehabilitation *
- Fund Raising
- Grant Writing
- Carpentry
- Large Building Projects
- Small Building Projects
- Public Speaking/Education
- Newsletter Writing
- Graphic Arts/Brochure Design
- Bookkeeping
- Veterinary Care

**Because of possible transmission of disease, children under the age of 18 are not permitted to "handle" wildlife. The Animal Rehabilitation program is for ADULTS only.*

